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Acting Public Safety commissioner Ray Mafnas reads a statement about the ongoing search and investigation of two missing sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk, while local and federal officials look on during a news briefing at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe yesterday afternoon. The CNMI Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation responded mostly "no comment" to questions posed by reporters from Saipan and Guam and the community in general.

FBI beefs up manpower for search

- **FBI's Child Abduction Response Deployment Team joins probe**
- **DPS Incident Command Post stays as search continues**

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REPORTER

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is fielding an additional 20 special agents and support staff on Saipan, including a team of experts in the investigation of child abductions, that will look into the disappearance of sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk.

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Delayed payroll due to CUC, CHC obligations

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REPORTER

Non-critical government employees will not likely receive their paychecks on Friday as

priority went both to the weekly payment of \$250,000 to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. for its fuel and about \$1 million to help the Commonwealth Health Center meet its obligations.

Government cash collection was low to begin with, and could be insufficient to meet some \$4 million in total government payroll needed every two weeks.

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Ken Corp. takes over PIC Saipan

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Tokyo-based Ken Corp., which acquired Aqua Resort Club in 2004, has successfully bought Pacific Islands Club and officially takes over the hotel in San Antonio today.

PIC staff and management were informed of the multi-million acquisition negotiation weeks ago, including yesterday afternoon when outgoing general manager Kieran Daly personally bid goodbye to PIC employees.

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Local

Over 700 public school seniors graduating this month »Exit polls in 3 high schools show 71 pct. of seniors going to college

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REPORTER

The Public School System will present diplomas to over 700 seniors this month, signifying the completion of their secondary education.

On Saipan, a total of 626 students are expected to graduate from Marianas High School, Saipan Southern High School, and Kagman High School. On Rota and Tinian, PSS hopes to confer diplomas on 82 seniors.

SSHS principal Jesse Tudela said yesterday that an estimated 160 seniors are expected to

graduate from Saipan Southern High this school year, majority of whom will go on to college.

An exit survey conducted among the school's 155 seniors showed that 64 percent—or 103 students—will be pursuing college here and off-island. Fifty-one have already enrolled at Northern Marianas College for the fall semester.

Tudela said that 29 students will be going to military service, while 28 students are still undecided about their future plans.

Saipan Tribune learned that Saipan Southern has a total of 180 seniors enrolled this year but some of them failed to complete

their graduation credit requirements. This is also why only 155 participated in the exit poll.

Tudela said that Saipan Southern always has a large number of graduates who go on to college.

At Kagman High School, principal Alfred Ada said he expects 186 seniors to complete all graduation requirements this month.

Based on the school's exit poll, 75 percent—or 140 students—will be going on to colleges and universities here and off-island. Ada said that only 15 percent—or 28 students—want to join military service, while 10 percent—or

18 students—will be joining the local workforce.

Marianas High School has a total of 280 enrolled seniors this school year but principal Craig Garrison could not say yesterday if all of them will make it through graduation day. The school has yet to conduct an exit poll.

Tinian High School principal Julian Hofschneider confirmed having 50 seniors who are expected to graduate on June 15.

School counselor William Cing disclosed that the exit survey showed that 73 percent of potential graduates plan to go to college here and off-island,

while 27 percent plan to enlist in the military. Of this 27 percent, 10 percent have already been accepted: three students in the U.S. Air Force and two students in the U.S. Army.

At Rota High School, a

school staffer confirmed having 32 seniors who are expected to graduate on June 9. Results of the exit survey were not immediately available as school principal Sharlene Manglona was on leave yesterday.

‘Interim policy for online SHEFA scholars will make program fair’

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Due to the increasing number of students taking online courses, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance board is being urged to adopt an interim policy that will guide the administrator in overseeing the financial assistance program.

The interim policy, if adopted, will apply to about 32 recipients of SHEFA financial grants who are currently taking up online courses.

SHEFA administrator Henry Hofschneider pointed out that the current regulations were drafted and adopted at a time when SHEFA did not anticipate online students to apply for financial assistance.

The most recent amendment to the SHEFA rules and regulations was adopted in December 2008 and states that use of SHEFA assistance is strictly for on-campus study requiring student residency.

Hofschneider said this rule did not contemplate online programs that do not require on-campus presence.

At the same time, Hofschneider said that most online schools allow students to enroll in one or two courses at any given time, usually each month, that do not fall within SHEFA definitions of being a “full-time” student.

“Online students at the University of Phoenix and Kaplan University, for example, take one but not more than two courses each month. Most online schools start their annual course offerings

from January to November, with December off,” he said.

SHEFA must, therefore, look into the online courses taken during those months that fall within the traditional academic terms such as semester or quarter, he added.

Hofschneider recommends that academic terms for online programs should follow the academic terms as provided in the regulation.

“For purposes of determining eligibility to receive financial assistance from SHEFA, only online courses taken in the terms set forth will be counted toward full-time status,” he said.

In a semester, the fall term usually starts in August and ends in December while the spring semester usually starts in January and ends in May.

If quarterly, the fall term usually begins around September until December while the winter term usually starts in December and ends in February. For spring semester, the period runs from March and ends in May.

Hofschneider recommended that online courses taken after the spring term and before the fall term will be considered summer session courses and will not be counted toward meeting full-time status.

He said an interim policy for online courses will “make it equitable and fair” for all SHEFA scholars.

The SHEFA board has referred the recommendation to the committee on policy and procedures for further evaluation.

Ex-UMDA exec says firm owes him \$975K

Hiroyuki Saito, a former chief financial officer of the United Micronesia Development Association Inc., has amended his lawsuit against UMDA to compel the company to arbitrate their dispute.

Saito, through counsel Mark A. Scoggins, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to issue an order compelling UMDA to arbitrate disputes with him in accordance with their agreements.

Scoggins said UMDA's total outstanding liability to Saito under the terms of the renewed contract is at least \$975,000.

“In addition to the contract damages under the initial contract and the renewed contract, UMDA is also liable to Mr. Saito for damage to his personal and business relationships in an amount to be determined by the arbitrator,” Scoggins said.

The lawyer said the disputes between Saito and UMDA arise

out of or are related to the initial contract and the renewed contract between the parties.

“As such, the parties are required to arbitrate these disputes in accordance with section 29 of both contracts. Mr. Saito has demanded arbitration, and UMDA has refused without reason,” Scoggins said.

According to the amended complaint, UMDA terminated Saito's employment without cause on Dec. 7, 2009.

In February 2011, the federal court granted UMDA's motion to dismiss Saito's lawsuit.

The judge agreed with UMDA counsel Robert T. Torres that Saito does not adequately allege a breach of contract in the lawsuit because he does not adequately allege the existence of any contract to be breached.

The judge, however, gave Saito time to amend his complaint. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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Senate rejects Kiyu's reappointment to CPA board

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The Senate rejected Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's reappointment of former senator Thomas P. Villagomez to serve on the Commonwealth Ports Authority's board of directors, by allowing the 90-day period to expire.

The Senate has 90 days from the governor's submission of a nominee's name to act on the nomination.

Fitial submitted Villagomez's name to the Senate on Feb. 15.

Radio firm marks 10th year today

TAMUNING, Guam—Marianas Educational Media Services, Inc. celebrates the 10th anniversary of its founding today, June 1, 2011. Originally conceived to promote tourism in the Marianas using broadcast and Internet media, it has acquired and developed non-commercial FM broadcast licenses to facilitate diversity and higher quality programming for Marianas residents.

MEMS now delivers public radio programming to Saipan and Tinian listeners, and operates a Saipan transmitter for independent Christian programmers Melodies of Prayer Inc.

"We have offered noncommercial broadcasting services to two major Saipan programming interests, and hope to have them on our other stations within the year," said Darryl A. Borja Taggerty, president of the MEMS board of directors.

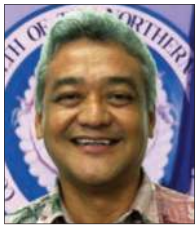
MEMS also holds a construction permit for a non-commercial FM station in American Samoa, which will be completed by December.

MEMS' founders are telecommunications consultant Robert F. Kelley Jr., former

Three months passed without any action from the Senate.

Senate clerk Dolores S. Bermudes wrote to the governor on May 18, to tell him about the Senate's rejection of Villagomez's reappointment.

"The Senate, in not acting to confirm [Villagomez] within 90 days of the receipt of your appointment letter, have...rejected his nomination," Bermudes told the governor.



Villagomez

She also said the Senate "awaits a new candidate to be nominated for this position."

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment, said the Fitial

administration is "disappointed" with the Senate rejection.

"Mr. Villagomez was a valuable asset to the CPA board during his previous term. Thus, Gov. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Inos opted to nominate him anew so

that he may continue to serve and participate in the advancement of our airports and seaports. Nonetheless, with the latest decision of the Senate, the administration will now have to select another qualified individual for consideration by the Senate," Demapan said.

Senators did not want to com-

ment on Villagomez's rejection but sources said it may have something to do with the Senate's unrelated issues with the Fitial administration.

The governor and the chairman of the Senate Executive Appointment and Governmental Investigations Committee, Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), were at odds

over the governor's appointments to boards and commissions. Cruz had said the governor has not been nominating members from Tinian and Rota, but the 17th Senate has so far rejected only two Fitial appointments: that of Villagomez and Jerry Tan's reappointment as member of the Marianas Visitors Authority board of directors.

Two senators endorse Quichocho to replace Manglona in Superior Court

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The U.S. Senate has yet to confirm CNMI Superior Court associate judge Ramona V. Manglona's nomination as U.S. District Court judge for the Northern Mariana Islands but two senators have already asked Gov. Benigno R. Fitial to consider a Tinian attorney to fill the possible vacancy in the local court.

Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) and Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), in a May 19 letter to Fitial, endorsed attorney Ray King Quichocho to the CNMI Judiciary, representing Tinian.

"If appointed, Mr. Quichocho will serve on a unified Superior Court bench that, for the first time in history, will represent all senatorial districts," Hofschneider and Cruz told Fitial.

Fitial, in an interview with the *Saipan Tribune*, said he has yet to read the senators' letter.

The governor said he has a short list of people he has been considering to replace Manglona if she is confirmed by the U.S. Senate. He declined to reveal the names of these possible nominees, saying it's "premature" to disclose their names.

Hofschneider and Cruz said Quichocho is an "eligible candidate for the soon-to-be vacated

Superior Court judge position."

"We humbly request consideration for the appointment of Attorney Ray King Quichocho, a native from the island of Tinian who is more than qualified for the aforementioned position," the senators said.

Quichocho is a former counsel for the Tinian mayor's office, but his contract was terminated along with other contracts due to funding shortage.

Back in February, Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan) said he would support either attorney Viola Alepuyo or Rosemond Santos should their names come up to fill a likely vacancy in the CNMI Superior Court.

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Retired cop in fruit bat case seeks acquittal or new trial

Adrian Mendiola, a retired police lieutenant who was found both guilty and not guilty of charges relating to the poaching of Mariana fruit bats on Rota, has asked the court to acquit him or give him a new trial.

Mendiola, through attorney Ramon K. Quichocho, said any

shadow arising from conjectures or assumptions made by the jury that was cast on the appearance of justice in the case can only be dispelled with an acquittal.

In the alternative, Quichocho said, a new trial is required because any shadow arising from the court's error in giving its sup-

plemental instruction can only be dispelled with a new trial.

A federal jury on May 13, 2011, found Mendiola guilty of unlawful possession of a threatened wildlife but not guilty of unlawful receipt or acquisition of threatened wildlife.

The court set the sentencing

for Aug. 16, 2011.

In the motions, Quichocho asserted that the case requires an acquittal because the record is devoid of any evidence to show that the bats found in the freezer were of the subspecies *Pteropus mariannus mariannus*.

Quichocho said there is no

evidence whether the freezer bats were taken on or after Feb. 7, 2005, when the final rule became effective.

Prior to Feb. 7, 2005, it was not a federal crime to possess or take a *Pteropus mariannus mariannus*.

Quichocho said the jury must not be permitted to conjecture whether the freezer bats were *Pteropus mariannus mariannus*, and or whether the freezer bats were taken on or after Feb. 7, 2005, and then to convict.

Mendiola, Albert Taitano, and David Santos were indicted in September 2010 over poaching incidents in 2008 when two of the remaining breeding colonies of the Mariana fruit bat were decimated by hunters using 12-gauge and .410 shotguns.

The court dismissed the charges against Taitano and Santos. The U.S. government recently stated that a case will be re-filed against Taitano and Santos. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

FBI

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Today marks the seventh day since 10-year-old Faloma and 9-year-old Maleina were reported missing. The two were reportedly last seen sitting on a drainage cement slab near a bus stop pavilion in As Teo.

The grandfather of the two girls, Elbert Quitugua, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that federal agents did not summon him, his wife Jane, and his daughter Jermain to a meeting. Rather, he said they cooperated with federal agents.

As this developed, acting Department of Public Safety commissioner Ramon Mafnas said yesterday that the Incident Command Post will be retained at the Kagman Community Center as the search for the Luhk sisters continues.

In a news briefing that Mafnas arranged yesterday afternoon at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, Steve L. Moore, FBI Guam's supervisory senior resident agent, disclosed that the FBI is increasing its response to the Luhk sisters' case.

Moore said members of the Child Abduction Response Deployment Team will be joining the investigation. The CARD program was developed by the FBI in 2005 to enhance its response to child abductions.

"So they bring that expertise," he said. "And we have several case agents to assist us in the investigation."

Moore said the deployment of more agents to Saipan began Monday night with his arrival and three other special agents. He said another 12 agents would be arriv-



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
Saipan Tribune reporter Ferdie Dela Torre, *Marianas Variety* reporter Andrew De Guzman, and other Saipan and Guam reporters interview Federal Bureau of Investigation Guam senior resident agent Steve L. Moore after yesterday's news conference on the ongoing search and investigation of two sisters missing since Wednesday.

ing last night (Tuesday), while a few others will fly in the next few days, coming from various locations in the U.S. mainland.

Moore is assigned to Guam, but he supervises the FBI Saipan office as well.

Saipan Tribune learned that four FBI special agents on Saipan have already been assisting DPS in the search and investigation before the infusion of new personnel.

Moore said this type of case requires a certain knowledge and expertise, to explain why the FBI is bringing in more agents and support staff.

"That's why we established this quick response team [CARD] across the country so that they can respond to this sort of matter and provide that expertise that maybe a regular agent doesn't have," he pointed out.

When asked whether they are questioning or investigating some members and relatives of the girls' family, Moore replied: "We are conducting an investi-

gation and we are communicating with the family."

He said one of the assumptions is that Faloma and Maleina may have been abducted; another is they may be hiding, for whatever reasons.

"So we are looking at every lead and every possibility to make sure that this is investigated appropriately," he said. "Time is of the essence that's why I think the DPS is responding appropriately. I can tell you that they work tirelessly working 24 hours a day."

He declined to comment, however, on any investigative aspect.

Acting DPS commissioner Mafnas said that police officers, with multi-lateral assistance from the CNMI and federal agencies, have been doing daily searches since Thursday last week.

In addition to the ground search, the U.S. Navy and Air Force have also been doing aerial searches using a helicopter and a C-130 plane, he said.

"In order to protect the fam-

DELAYED

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Press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday that payroll for non-critical services is anticipated to be delayed again "due to cash availability as the central government is

facilitating payments to meet CUC's weekly fuel demand and hospital obligations for radiology and laboratory-related expenses that stand at about \$1 million."

"These are critical payments that need to be made in order to ensure that services pertaining to the health and welfare of the

community are not disrupted," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune* when asked for comment.

A government employee on Capital Hill, upon learning that payroll would be delayed again, said she has gotten used to getting her paycheck late.

"It's delayed most of the time and I got used to it. But

at least we get paid, even though it's a few days late. And I still have my job," the mother of three said in an interview at her office.

Since June 2010, the government has been delayed at least 15 times in issuing paychecks to "non-critical" employees.

Most of those with delayed wages are also subject to a 16-hour cut biweekly and unpaid holidays as part of the administration's cost cutting measures.

Demapan said only so-called critical government employees, federally funded employees, and those at the Public School System will get paid on time.

Government employees in critical positions include doctors, nurses, police officers, firefighters, and corrections officers.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DEQ sets Obyan Beach cleanup

The Division of Environmental Quality's cleanup brigade will be picking up trash at Obyan Beach on Saturday, June 4, 2011, starting at 8am.

Volunteers will split into groups and clean east and west until 10am and break for drinks and then continue, if needed. If you would like to volunteer, meet the DEQ representative at the DEQ parking lot at 8am.

This month, outstanding brigade volunteers who participated in at least 10 monthly cleanups will receive a brigade cap and those who participated in at least three cleanups will receive a green brigade t-shirt.

The DEQ cleanup brigade began in 1996 and continues to maintain clean, healthy beaches. For more information about volunteering, contact the DEQ office at 664-8500/1. **(DEQ)**

Chamber membership meeting today

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly general membership luncheon meeting today, June 1, 2011, at the Saipan World Resort in Susupe. This general membership meeting traditionally showcases the Chamber's annual college scholarship awards. Over 50 applied for the scholarships, there were 12 semifinalists and the five winning students for this year's \$10,000 awards have been selected. The recipients will receive their scholarships from the SCC Educational Committee members at this meeting. Luncheon beings at 11:30am and the meeting begins promptly at noon. Luncheon cost is \$15 for SCC members, and \$20 for guests and non-members. The Chamber has also invited the Saipan Zoning Office to speak briefly on recently introduced House Local Bill 17-26. **(SCC)**

MHS Class of 1991 sets reunion meeting

The Marianas High School Class of 1991 will be having its 20th reunion. Class members will be meeting on June 3, 2011, at the 13 Fishermen's Pavilion (2nd Pavilion) on Beach Road at 6pm to plan for the reunion. **(PR)**

MINA meeting today

The Mariana Islands Nature Alliance is inviting all its members to the annual membership meeting that will be held today, June 1, 2011, at 6pm at the Laolao Bay Resort poolside. Learn about MINA's progress and successes for 2010, upcoming projects, meet the Micronesia Challenge interns, and new nominations to the board of directors. To RSVP or donate, visit www.minapacific.com or call 233-7333 (REEF) by May 30, 2011. Members who carpool (three or more in the vehicle) to the meeting will receive an incentive. Interested individuals who want to join MINA are also welcome to attend the meeting. **(MINA)**

KEN CORP

From Page 1

general manager of Aqua Resort Club, will replace Daly.

Sugie, the 2007 Employer of the Year by the Society of Human Resources Management-NMI Chapter, declined to comment yesterday, besides saying that Ken Corp.'s Guam headquarters is expected to issue an official statement tomorrow, June 2.

"We're relieved to hear that employees will remain in their jobs," one of the employees told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday. Another employee said only the general manager will be re-

placed—at least at this time.

Pacific Islands Club, located at the southern end of Saipan, is one of the most popular hotels and among those with the highest occupancy in the CNMI. It boasts of 308 guest rooms and a water park, which is popular not only among tourists but also local residents.

Ken Corp. and its affiliates also began investing in Guam in 2005. Ken Corp., which engages in real estate and hotel ventures, now owns luxury hotels in Guam and on Saipan, including the Hilton Guam Resort and Spa, the Hyatt Regency Guam, the Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort, and Saipan's Aqua Resort Club.

MASTER LIBRARIANS

Ryan Quin M. Napalan and Sudi Virginia Q. Napalan of Garapan, Saipan, earned their master's degree in Library and Information Science from San Jose State University during their commencement exercises on Saturday, May 28, 2011. The couple is the first CNMI residents to receive their degree in Library and Information Science through online learning. The Napalan family plans to move to Guam this summer.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



ON HOUSE PANEL'S PROBE OF MHS**Garrison: Micromanagement, waste of public money**

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REPORTER

A public hearing that a House committee is planning to do on the state of affairs at Marianas High School is nothing but "pure micromanagement" and "a clear waste" of public money and time, according to MHS principal Craig Garrison yesterday.

At the same time, he pointed out that the House Committee on Education has no jurisdiction over matters relating to school operations.

Garrison claims the committee is reacting to "erroneous and misleading information" raised by disgruntled individuals, alluding to teachers James Yangetmai and his wife, Denita. He said the couple's allegations against him have already been proven untrue.

The House committee sent Garrison a notice yesterday informing him about the scheduled public hearing Friday, which will focus on allegations of wrongdoings at the island's oldest and largest public high school. The committee asked for the presence of Garrison, MHS staff, and teachers in a public discussion.

2010 LibDay festivities cost \$136K; revenue at \$139K

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REPORTER

The 2010 Liberation Day Committee spent a total of \$136,252.93 in administrative and operations expenses for the monthlong festivities.

The committee enumerated these expenditures in its financial report, which reflected booth construction, emcee and entertainment, and raffle prizes as the top three expenses for the Liberation Day celebration.

The report showed that the committee spent \$26,492 for the construction of 40 concession booths by the staff of the Mayor's Office.

"In past years, booths were built by contractors with the contractors keeping the materials after use. However, with the mayor's staff doing the construction, this proved to be cost-effective, and the end result benefited the community," the report states.

The emcee and entertainment cost \$17,405 while raffle prizes cost \$16,500.

Other substantial expenses were the printing of the program, invitation, and raffle tickets, \$7,841; stage and float decoration fees, \$4,200; hotel, car rental, per diem and meals, \$5,500; sound system, \$8,900; float prizes, \$3,000; tents, \$7,808; portable toilets, \$4,800; and bingo license, \$3,520.

Meanwhile, revenue collected from last year's activities totaled \$139,505.45 after bad checks amounting to \$1,226.53.

The \$35,750 in concession booth fees and \$48,042 in Lib-

sion at the House chamber.

Committee chair Rep. Raymond Palacios (Cov-Saipan) also asked Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan and the Public School System human resource officer Charlie Kenty to be at the hearing.

Garrison confirmed that he will attend the hearing. "I won't have much to say other than the truth because obviously there are false, misleading, and erroneous information provided by certain individuals [to the committee] which resulted in this public hearing regarding running a school, which they should have nothing to do with," Garrison told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

He admits to being "puzzled as to where this witch hunt is going" since lawmakers may just call or stop by the school if they have questions.

Education Commissioner Sablan refused to comment yesterday, saying she has yet to see the notice from the House panel.

MHS came under the spotlight when the Yangetmai couple staged a mini-rally across the school in April that lasted four days. The couple, citing several alleged wrongdoings, called for Garrison's resignation

or ouster. When nothing came of it, the couple elevated their complaint to the Legislature.

Threats

According to Palacios, the public hearing will focus on issues raised by James Yangetmai in a letter sent to the committee on May 17.

Yangetmai alleged that Garrison commonly "threatens" employees, especially during staff meetings. He claims that Garrison publicly embarrasses and humiliates teachers and employees by shouting at them.

Garrison was also accused of using foul and vulgar language in the presence of students and staff as well as using students as "spies" against some teachers and employees.

Yangetmai added that the principal has demanded that English be the only language of communication used on campus and instills fear among students by wearing his military fatigues on campus.

On top of these allegations, Garrison is being criticized for allegedly "firing" 20 highly qualified teachers at the school.

Garrison had denied all these allegations.

eration Queen candidates' ticket sales were the highest income sources for the committee, with the Saipan and Northern Islands Delegation also allocating \$45,000 for the festivities.

Recommendations

The committee, in its report, recommended that the chairman be appointed early to allow them to organize and plan early for the event as well as assess their funding needs.

"Unfortunately, this year's

event went with very little funds left by the previous year's committee. The committee was left with very minimal spending, cutting cost in all areas and overall, conservatively spending," the report said.

The committee also claimed that early preparation for the event will provide ample time for candidates to sell raffle tickets. However, the 2011 Liberation Day event will see only three candidates, who were officially presented last Friday.




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2011 CNMI Crop Producer & Buyer Directory

Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Agriculture
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The Department of Land & Natural Resources (DLNR), in conjunction with its partner agencies and local farmers, is pleased to announce the updating of the CNMI Crop Producer and Buyer Directory for calendar year 2011.

CNMI farmers are urged to contact Mr. Manny Pangelinan, Acting Director of Agriculture, at 322-9830 or via e-mail at mmpangelinan@gmail.com, attention 2011 CNMI Farmers Directory; the Saipan Municipal Council at (670) 664-2700 and ask for Frances Muna or send inquiry and/or information to the council office at email address spnmunco@yahoo.com; the Saipan Sabalu Farmers Market Association and speak with Mr. Sid Cabrera, association president; or the Northern Marianas CRESS Office, attention Ross Manglona at rossm@nmcnet.edu, to provide informational updates or submission of new entries to the 2011 Crop Producer & Buyer Directory. Crop producer and buyer directory intake forms are available upon request for new entries to the directory and existing participants who need to provide updated information and data in the 2011 directory.

This year, local retail and wholesale market managers are strongly urged to partake in the 2011 publication, in order to promote local vegetables (e.g., cabbage, pechay, okra, etc.) fruits (e.g., guava, sour sap, banana, etc.) and specialty crops (e.g., orchid, bird of paradise, tea leave, and other cut flowers) and agricultural products (e.g. processed hot pepper, noni juice, guava juice, mango jam, etc.).

Information and data required for the 2011 update include: 1. name of farmer, 2. contact information (i.e., phone number, mailing and e-mail addresses, island (e.g., Saipan, Tinian, Rota, or the Northern Islands), 3. farm plot physical location (e.g., Kagman, Saipan), 4. producer status (i.e., commercial or subsistence farmer), 5. types of vegetable, fruit, floriculture specialty crops, and other agriculture products, and 6. crop or product availability seasonally (perennial) or year round (annual).

The 2011 local farmers directory is expanded to include such information as: 1. where farmers markets (e.g., Sabalu market, Tuesday night market, Thursday night market, etc.) or retail markets that promote local farm produce, crop, and agriculture product operate, 2. when they are open (business days and times), 3. whether they accept food assistance programs like the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP), women, infants, and children (WIC) and farmers market nutrition program (FMNP), among others, 4. what kinds of agricultural products are marketed (including fresh fruits and vegetables), and 5. how many participating local vendors that market and distribute fresh local produce, specialty crops, and agriculture products are.

July 28, 2011 at 12 noon is the deadline for updates on existing listing or for submission of new entries to the 2011 CNMI Crop Producer and Buyer Directory.

Ninth Circuit dismisses casino dealer's appeal vs Dynasty



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Executive Director

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has dismissed the appeal of a Nepalese worker whose discrimination lawsuit against the owner of Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino had been junked.

The Ninth Circuit on Friday dismissed Parmila Pariyar's appeal as she failed to file the opening brief in this case.

"A review of the file in this case reveals that counsel has failed to perfect the appeal as prescribed by the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure," the Ninth Circuit ruling stated.

The court directed attorney Stephen C. Woodruff to notify immediately his client, Pariyar, in writing regarding this dismissal.

Pariyar, a former casino dealer,

alleged that she was discriminated against and terminated in June 2006 because of her pregnancy.

The U.S. District Court for the NMI on Jan. 8, 2010 found Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investment Ltd, which owns Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, not

liable to pay for damages sought by Pariyar.

The federal court also denied Pariyar's motion for a new trial.

On Feb. 26, 2010, Woodruff filed a notice of appeal before the Ninth Circuit. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

CCA, House of Manhoben to get \$10K from TakeCare Foundation

TakeCare Foundation will be presenting grants to local non-profit organizations Commonwealth Cancer Association and Karidat's House of Manhoben on Thursday, June 2, 2011, at 4pm at the FHP Health Center on Saipan.

"Our Foundation will be donating \$5,000 to the Commonwealth Cancer Association and \$5,000 to Karidat's House of Manhoben," said Sylvia Duenas, TakeCare Foundation chair.

The Commonwealth Cancer Association is a community-based organization dedicated to promoting cancer awareness and prevention, providing patient support services, and serving as the liaison and advocate for cancer issues in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the region.

Karidat's House of Manhoben is a teen center that fosters self-esteem, self-reliance, and self-confidence to aid in the growth and development of the youth in the CNMI.

The TakeCare Foundation is composed of employees of TakeCare Insurance and the FHP Health Center who are devoted to charitable and educational causes that enhance the health, wellness and welfare of individuals, families and the public at large. It is unique because it is employee-driven. TakeCare and FHP employees play a major role in assisting with the contributions and the selection process of the grant recipients.

The TakeCare Foundation grant presentations occur in two cycles, in June and December. *(PR)*

Resort owner asks court to rule that mason who sued should take nothing

The owner of Laolao Bay Golf & Resort has asked the federal court to issue a ruling that a mason who sued the resort after being allegedly hit by an errant golf ball should take nothing by his complaint.

Saipan LauLau Development Inc., through counsel Colin M. Thompson, said that Severino U. Alforeza Jr. failed to "state a cause of action" in his lawsuit.

Thompson said that Alforeza's claims are limited because he was not damaged or because he failed to mitigate damages.

Thompson said plaintiff's claims are barred by the doctrine of unclean hands, by fraud,

and by the exclusive remedies of the CNMI Workers Compensation Act.

Alforeza, through attorney Joe Hill, wants Laolao Bay Golf & Resort be made liable to pay him damages for the inguinal hernia he suffered.

Alforeza alleged that on July 18, 2009, as he was lowering heavy metal rebars down to fellow workers at the sewage facility excavation hole inside the golf course, a gold ball hit him in the chest.

The ball, presumably hit by an unknown golfer from the 17th tee, allegedly hit Alforeza, knocking him to the ground. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Dancoe back with Rotary

Saipan Rotary Club past president Curtis Dancoe is back with the organization after an induction ceremony last week.

Dancoe, who was sponsored by past president David Igitol, was inducted by Rotary president Glen Perez.

"It's great to be a member once again, serving the community of Saipan," said Dancoe who has 10 years of service with the Rotary International under his belt.

Dancoe, who also served as president and director of the Rotary Club in Northern Guam, moved back to Saipan in late 2010 with wife Sonya Pangelinan-Dancoe and their two children.

Both husband and wife are part of Salvation Army soup kitchen's "Kitchen Cabinet," which is the committee respon-

sible for coordinating donations, food drives, and publicities.

Dancoe also serves on the advisory board for Salvation Army as part of his "getting back into the mode of giving back to the community."

He is currently employed with KKMP, the first locally owned and operated radio station in the CNMI, which broadcasts on 92.1FM on Saipan and Tinian, and on 1440AM on Rota and the Northern Islands.

KKMP, which has a global reach through www.cnmiradio.com, plays island and reggae music from the Melanesia, Polynesia, and the Micronesia.

"We'll be getting into a lot of the community events and promoting cultural music, the field of arts and entertainment. It's really good to be serving them," added Dancoe. *(Clarissa David)*

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Boy scout freshens up tennis court wall with colorful mural

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REPORTER

A mural is taking shape on the east facing side of the American Memorial Park tennis practice wall as part of one Life Scout's goal to give it a facelift and earn for himself his Eagle Scout stripes.

Sixteen-year-old Harrison M. Smith of Troop 913, which is chartered by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, is leading a small band of amateur artists that began work on the environmental mural on Monday.

Born and raised on Saipan, Harrison Smith is the son of F. Matthew and Christina Smith and is currently a sophomore at the Saipan International School.

The younger Smith, who has always had a great love for both the environment and the arts, met with Coastal Resources Management Non-point Source Pollution coordinator Rachel Zuercher to discuss environmental projects he could lead in an effort to earn his Eagle Scout Award.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America through The Eagle Scout Leadership



Volunteers help paint the mural on the east facing side of the tennis practice wall of the American Memorial Park tennis courts Monday. Inset, Boy Scout Harrison Smith primes the wall in preparation for the painting of the mural.

Service Project.

The project, which demonstrates leadership of others while performing a project for

the benefit of the community, is the culmination of the Eagle Scout candidate's leadership training and requires signifi-

cant effort.

Zuercher suggested to Smith a mural project and, with the assistance of Smith's school art

teacher, Nancy Provide, he designed an environmental mural to help inspire the community to remember the reef and their

connection to it.

Smith then secured the approval of Park Ranger Nancy Kelchner for the project and began soliciting donations from business establishments, private individuals, and other organizations to cover the cost of creating the mural.

"Many businesses have donated monetarily while others have donated materials or other goods, such as drinks and food," said Smith. "I am grateful to all of those who have already donated."

After securing the materials for the project, Smith got the support of his fellow boy scouts, schoolmates, and even passersby to volunteer and help him with the project.

Monday's work involved the painting's first coat, which will be followed with a second coat and a sealant next Saturday.

Smith thanked Saipan Ice and Water, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Herman's Modern Bakery, and Subway for providing refreshments to volunteers on May 30.

"I hope that the mural will add some color and fun to the American Memorial corner while reminding all community members how important the reef is to our island life," added Smith.

Hyatt raffle seeks to raise funds for anti-cancer efforts

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REPORTER

Hyatt Regency Saipan, a major sponsor of the 2011 Marianas March Against Cancer, is still selling raffle tickets as part of its fundraising efforts.

Luis Villagomez, marketing communications assistant manager for Hyatt, said the raffle draw is only among their fundraising activities for the annual event that provides opportunity to celebrate cancer survivors, remember those who have lost

the fight, and raise money and awareness for those affected by the disease.

"In this raffle, we are offering accommodations, dining and relaxation as prizes to entice the public to support MMAC and its cause," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

For only \$5 per ticket, buyers will get a chance to win the grand prize of a one-night stay at Hyatt's Executive Suite with Kili breakfast buffet for two.

Other major prizes are a one-night stay at the Spa Suite with Kili breakfast buffet for two, 1st

prize; one-night stay at Regency Club Room, 2nd prize; one night stay at Deluxe Room with Kili breakfast buffet for two, 3rd prize; one night Guestroom with Kili breakfast buffet for two, 4th prize; and 60-minute Swedish massage for two, 5th prize.

Minor prizes include lunch buffet at Miyako for two, Friday lunch buffet at Giovanni's for two, Beach Barbecue dinner for two, lunch buffet at Kili Café and Terrace for two, and Sunday brunch for two.

Villagomez said raffle tickets

are available at the hotel front desk. Raffle drawing will be held on June 17.

"It is our mission to make a difference in the lives we touch everyday and this is one way of doing that. Hyatt Regency Saipan will continue to support the good cause of MMAC to provide strength and support to cancer survivors, patients and their families," he added.

Commonwealth Cancer Association program manager Tina Sablan said that Hyatt has been a terrific and consistent supporter of

the MMAC for many years.

"Their fundraising efforts for MMAC are known for being fun, engaging, and highly successful," she added. "We would also like to thank Hyatt from the bottom of our hearts for their enduring support of the fight against cancer in the CNMI."

For more information or to purchase raffle tickets, email Luis Villagomez at luis.villagomez@hyattsaipan.com or Josephine Mesta at josephine.mesta@hyattsaipan.com or call 234-1234.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy birthday greetings go out to Breanna Maratita Camacho who is celebrating her special day today! We are all so proud of you Brea, keep it up! May God bless you and lots of love from Mom, Dad, and the Familia.

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Notice of Zoning Board Public Hearing
For
House Local Bill 17-26, Section 2, (Paragraphs A-P)

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at the scheduled Zoning Board public hearings on the following rezones as proposed by House Local Bill 17-26:

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph B: Properties in lower Navy Hill from “Rural” to “Village Commercial”. The proposed district is marked by the intersection of Puetto Street and Chalan Pale Arnold Road. It is also within distance of American Memorial Park, Publiko Drive, and Industrial Drive.

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph E: Properties within Navy Hill and China Town from “Village Residential” and “Rural” to “Village Commercial”. Within the As Falipe area, this paragraph proposes to rezone property from “Rural” to “Mixed Commercial”. These three proposed zoning districts can be reached by Navy Hill Road, Sugar King Road, and Commonwealth Drive.

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph H: Properties bounded by Gualo Rai Road and Rai Drive, otherwise described as the Gualo Rai Loop, from “Village Residential” to “Village Commercial”. This site is within proximity of Gualo Rai Road’s intersection with Chalan Pale Arnold Road.

Date: June 6th, 2011 (Monday)
Time 6:00pm
Place: Garapan Elementary School

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph A: Properties along Lancho Avenue, San Roque Drive, Boti Street, and Chalan Pale Arnold Road from “Tourist Resort” or “Village Residential” to “Village Commercial”. It is within distance from Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School.

Date: June 7th, 2011 (Tuesday)
Time 6:00pm
Place: Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph C: Properties on Saipan’s east coast, in the I Pitot area, from “Rural” to “Village Commercial”. Two new “Village Commercial” districts, separated by a “Public Resources” zone, would be established by this action. The proposed districts contain Otdot Way, Chichiget Drive, Sasata Lane, and Apayuhak Lane. Surrounding roads include Talofoto Road, Egigi Drive, Luao Drive, and Santa Lourdes Road.

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph D: Properties on the west side of Isa Drive, in the I Akgak area, from “Rural” to “Mixed Commercial”. This site is directly along Isa Drive between Egigi Drive and Santa Lourdes Road.

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph F: Properties along the east coast of Saipan just directly north of Kagman Village from “Rural” to “Village Commercial”. These properties are accessed from Santa Lourdes Road.

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph G: Properties described as Tracts 22796-7, 22796-8, 21903-8, and 22700 from “Rural” to “Mixed Commercial”. These properties are at the intersection of Isa Drive and Kagman Road.

Date: June 8th, 2011 (Wednesday)
Time 6:00pm
Place: Kagman Community Center

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph I: Properties along the southwest side of Monsignor Guerrero Road from “Rural” and “Village Residential” to “Mixed Commercial”. This site is within proximity of the Northern Marianas College and Big Boy Marine Sports. The properties also abut Lake Susupe.

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph J: Properties along the southwest side of Monsignor Guerrero Road from “Rural” and “Village Residential” to “Mixed Commercial”. Paragraph J would also rezone another district from “Village Residential” to “Village Commercial”. This site is between Beach Road and Texas Road, just north of the Marianas High School athletic field.

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph L: Properties that are bounded by Monsignor Guerrero Road on the north, Monsignor Martinez Road on the east, Tun Joaquin Doi Road on the south, and Tun Antonio Apa Road on the west. Properties taking access from Tun Antonio Apa Road would be rezoned from “Village Residential” to “Village Commercial”. Properties taking access from Tun Joaquin Doi Road would be rezoned from “Village Commercial” to “Mixed Commercial”. Lot E.A. 753, taking access from Monsignor Martinez Road would be rezoned from “Rural” to “Industrial”. These three proposed zoning districts are within proximity to the Northern Marianas College.

Date: June 9th, 2011 (Thursday)
Time 6:00pm
Place: Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph K: Properties along the east coast of Saipan, in the Village of San Vicente from “Village Residential” to “Village Commercial”. Properties within this site have access from Tutturam Drive and Dandan Road. This site is also within proximity to Isa Drive.

Date: June 10th, 2011 (Friday)
Time 6:00pm
Place: San Vicente Elementary School

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph M: Lots 003 J 02, 003 J 03, 009 J 104, 019 J 95, and 019 J 62 from “Rural” to “Industrial”. These properties are bounded by Fiesta Street on the north, Sand Street on the south, and Flame Tree Road on the west. This site is also within proximity of Tasi Drive, Magicienne Bay Avenue, and Gatbo Avenue. It is on the east side of Flame Tree Road across from the Francisco Ada International Airport.

Date: June 13th, 2011 (Monday)
Time 6:00pm
Place: Dandan Elementary School

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph N: Would rezone the following lots:

032 K 01,	032 K 02,	032 K 03,	032 K 04,	032 K 07,	032 K 08,
032 K 09,	032 K 10,	032 K 12,	032 K 13,	039 K 01,	039 K 02,
039 K 03,	040 K 01,	040 K 02,	041 K 01,	044 I 01,	045 I 01,
045 I 02,	045 I 03,	045 I 05,	045 I 06,	045 I 07,	045 I 08,
045 I 09,	045 I 10,	045 I 11,	045 I 12,	045 I 13,	045 K 01,
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046 I 09,	046 I 10,	046 I 11,	046 I 12,	57-3,	57-3G

from “Village Residential” and Village Commercial” to “Industrial”. These properties are bounded by Tun Kioshi Road on the east and Magisa Drive on the west.

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph O: Would rezone the following lots:

005 I 01,	005 I 03,	005 L 01,	009 L 02,	009 L 03,	009 L 05,
009 L 06,	009 L 08	009 L 09,	031 L 02,	042 L 01,	042 L 02,
592 New-1-2,	592 New-1-R/W,	592 New-1-R1,	592 New-1-R2,		
592 New-2R/W,	592-New-1R/W,	592-New-2,	592-New-R/W,		
592-New-R2,	H-70,	TR 22777-REM,	TR 22778-1,		
TR 22778-2,	TR 22778-R1,	TR 22778-R2			

from “Rural” and Village Commercial” to “Mixed Commercial”. These properties are at the intersection of Msgr Martinez Road and Tun Thomas P. Sablan Road. This is at the southwest corner of Saipan near the CUC wastewater treatment plant.

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph P: Would rezone the following lots:

028 K 04,	028 K 05,	028 K 06,	036 L 15,	036 L 23,	036 L 43,
036 L 47,	036 L 48,	036 L 70,	036 L 71,	036 L 72,	036 L 73,
043 L 12,	043 L 13,	043 L 14,	043 L 190,	043 L 23,	043 L 89,
043 L 90,	TR 22827				

from “Rural” to “Industrial”. These properties are at the intersection of As Gonno Road and Naftan Road. This site is immediately south of the Francisco Ada International Airport. A map

Date: June 14th, 2011 (Tuesday)
Time 6:00pm
Place: Koblerville Youth Center

A map of these proposed rezones are available as a free download at www.zoning.gov.mp. Please call the Zoning Office at 234-9661 for more information.

HLB 17-26, Section 3: This would rezone all properties that border any and all major paved thoroughfares 600 feet from the centerlines on either side of such streets as “Mixed Commercial”. Properties already zoned as “Mixed Commercial” or “Industrial” would not be affected.

Date: To be considered at each public hearing from June 6th to June 14th, 2011.
Time 6:00pm
Place: Each center listed above.

HLB 17-26, Section 4: A comprehensive text amendment to Table 1 entitled “Table of Permitted, Conditional and Temporary Uses” of Section 404 entitled “Allowable Uses in Zoning Districts” of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2008.

Date: June 28th, 2011.
Time 6:00pm
Place: Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan.



June 1, 1999

Tourism industry is still in slump

Although visitor arrivals record show that the numbers are climbing, it would be misleading to conclude that the island’s tourism economy is already on its way to recovery, according to Bart Jackson, board member and vice chair of the PR & Ad Committee of the Marianas Visitors Authority. In his report during last week’s board meeting, Jackson said improvement in the current slump on the island’s main economy depends mainly on the increase on air seats from the current number of airlines servicing the CNMI. MVA has been working with the Aviation Task Force in enticing new airlines to service the CNMI in a move to save the half-a-billion-dollar tourism industry. Efforts seem to be working well as the Korean visitors, the second biggest market, showed a steady increase in arrivals.

Saipan Bankers Association joins WPEC

The Saipan Bankers Association has joined the Western Pacific Economic Council, a non-profit organization which has aligned various private sector groups on the island to help deal with mounting criticisms against the CNMI. In a special meeting of WPEC members last May 26, the Board of Directors forged an agreement to install the bankers association as member of the group. WPEC is now composed of five powerful business organizations in the CNMI: the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, Saipan Garment Manufacturing Association, CNMI Contractors Association, Saipan Chamber of Commerce, and Saipan Bankers Association.

June 1, 2000

CPA seeks reimbursement from abandoned ship owners

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is seeking reimbursement of all the expenses incurred from its takeover of abandoned vessel MV Celeste, which has reportedly bore severe damages that may pose serious danger to the Tinian seaport where it is currently being held. According to a document signed by CPA Executive Director Carlos H. Salas, the ports authority management is currently compiling all expenses incurred by the agency from time MV Celeste was abandoned and moved from the Rota harbor to Tinian.

Expert introduces new tools in assistive tech

The Governor’s Developmental Disabilities Council yesterday concluded its two-day technical assistance training which addressed the need to equip institutions with an updated knowledge on assistive technology for persons with disabilities as mandated under new special education laws. According to visiting AT expert from Oregon Gayl Bowser, majority of the nation’s population are only starting to learn about this technology. Ms. Bowser, the state-wide assistive technology coordinator at the Oregon Technology Access Program, said AT tools are essential to enhancing learning skills of adults and children with disabilities. But despite its assistive role, one thing that AT tools cannot do, according to the expert, is make its users “smarter.”

June 1, 2001

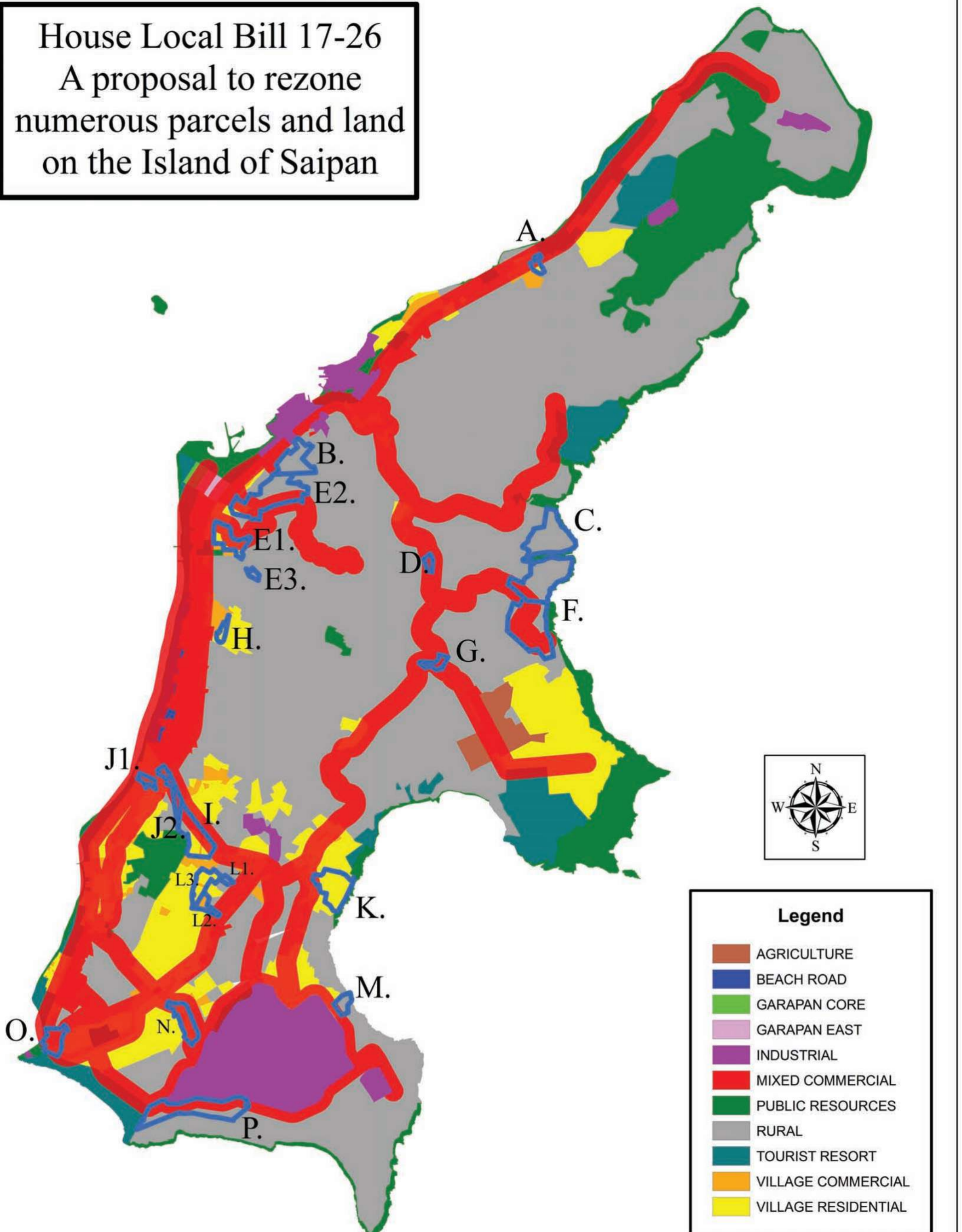
Unconditional funding sought

The government has been asked to provide financial assistance to local celebrations like the Liberation Day without requiring organizers to meet a revenue ceiling. This, as the 2001 Liberation Day Executive Committee urged the CNMI government to include funding for celebrations like the July 4 festival in its annual appropriations. The Legislature earlier approved the release of \$75,000 for this year’s Liberation Day activities, provided the Liberation Day Executive Committee submits an audit report on both expenses and revenues. Committee Chair Ed Manglona maintained funding for public festivals such as the Liberation Day should come without restrictions or conditions.

Land designation for farming urged

There may be an immediate need for the government to designate lands for the sole purpose of farming in order to develop the agriculture potentials of the CNMI, experts said. The limited availability of lands in the CNMI should prompt the government to earmark areas that will be exclusively used for farming to encourage agriculture development. “This will help provide more food production areas which will hopefully minimize importation,” said a government subcommittee tasked to look after agricultural growth. A report from the Division of Public Lands (DPL) disclosed that 51 percent, or 6,200 hectares, of Saipan’s total land measurement has been classified as privately owned. Only 1,700 hectares of public lands are presently available.

House Local Bill 17-26
A proposal to rezone
numerous parcels and land
on the Island of Saipan



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The G-8 takes on the Net

Egged on by French President Nicolas Sarkozy, the leaders of the Group of 8 nations announced Friday that the Internet was too important for governments to leave un-governed. Cyberspace needs a legal framework that promotes human rights, the rule of law, privacy, security and the protection of intellectual property, they declared, and they pledged to work on one.

Good luck with that.

The declaration reflects the wrongheaded wish of many foreign leaders to tame the Net, particularly freewheeling Web-based businesses and online speech. Evolving technologies and online services have disrupted not just established industries but governments' ability to bring transgressors to heel. Rather than letting the public, entrepreneurs and the courts respond to problems as they arise, these officials want to impose their own brand of discipline. As Sarkozy put it, lawmakers and regulators should wield more control over the Internet because "governments are the only legitimate representatives of the will of the people in our democracies."

What that "will" is, however, depends on which people you ask. The Internet isn't some magical environment that makes all the differences between national governments disappear. Instead, it's a place where the European notion of privacy clashes head-on with U.S. advertising networks' voracious appetite for personal data, and where a French court's view of hate speech conflicts with an American website's hands-off approach to online auctions. It's the venue where a British gag order barring the publication of an allegedly womanizing soccer star's name is gleefully violated by Twitter users around the world.

To be sure, the Internet isn't a law-free zone. A criminal act—fraud, for example—is as much a crime if perpetrated online as it is in the physical world. What's not clear is how to draw the borders in cyberspace between different countries' laws.

As appealing as it may be in theory, trying to craft a common legal framework for the Net is a fool's errand. Even if the G-8 nations could bridge the policy gaps between members, they still would run the risk of enacting strictures that are ignored by China and quickly rendered irrelevant by changing technology. The G-8 should try instead to come up with mechanisms to resolve the disputes that arise when countries hit Web companies with incompatible legal demands. As the inventor of the Internet, it's the responsibility of the U.S. to promote freedom and openness, not to try to make the Internet comply with some global behavioral norm.

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French appeal for Strauss-Kahn: Ironic Einhorn echo

Philadelphians know better than anyone why Dominique Strauss-Kahn should remain anchored to New York City.

Two words: Ira Einhorn.

Einhorn, the slovenly, self-appointed hippie guru of 1960s and '70s counterculture with a history of abusing women, was convicted in 2002 of murdering his former girlfriend Holly Maddux, a Texas-born cheerleading beauty.

The road to that elusive conviction, however, took 25 arduous years—and finally happened with little help from Strauss-Kahn's enlightened countrymen.

Maddux was first enthralled by Einhorn, a womanizer despite his refusal to bathe and his goofy, toothy smile, in 1972. By 1977, she had had enough, moved to New York, and met a man named Saul Lapidus. Maddux returned to Einhorn's University City apartment only to collect her belongings and say goodbye to him for good. There, Einhorn bludgeoned her to death with a blunt object. Rather than dispose of the body, Einhorn let it decompose in a trunk that he kept in the closet. For a year and a half, he acted unaware of her whereabouts, telling the Maddux family that she'd left him for another man. If only.

Maddux's parents were suspicious. She had never gone more than two weeks without calling and definitely wouldn't have skipped a check-in on her mother's birthday, which passed soon after her disappearance. Fred and Elizabeth Maddux contacted the Philadelphia police, who questioned Einhorn but came away empty-handed. The couple then hired two former FBI agents to further investigate.

"There were two medical students downstairs who knew that there was something decaying upstairs," former judge and District Attorney Lynne Abraham recalled during an interview last week. "And when they confronted Einhorn about 'What's that smell?' he said some raccoons or some squirrels had gotten stuck in the wall and they probably died there. And that accounted for not only the smell but the dripping that came down through the ceiling and the wall into their apartment."

By 1979, the police had enough evidence to get then-Judge Abraham to sign a search-and-seizure warrant for the apartment. When police opened the trunk, Einhorn notably said: "You found what you found."

At the time of trial in 1981, Pennsylvania had no death penalty. As a result, Einhorn was offered bail, which he paid before slipping out of Philadelphia and the United States altogether. He traveled to Europe, passed through Ireland, England and Wales, and eventually found his way to France. After nearly two decades on the lam, he was located in Champagne-Mouton—married to a wealthy Swedish beauty—and arrested in 1997. The French government refused to extradite him, while courts promptly granted him bail.

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The Philadelphia Inquirer

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"The French government thought him an international sensation, a cause celebre," Abraham told me. "They rallied to his defense, took a position opposite to the United States—that our laws were cruel, that this man was being persecuted because he was a famous personage."

Abraham, who by then had been elected D.A., spent the next few years sending lawyers to argue for Einhorn's extradition in France. She personally petitioned the highest levels of government, including President Bill Clinton and Felix Rohatyn, then the U.S. ambassador to France.

But Einhorn's conviction in absentia in Philadelphia in 1993 didn't sit well with France's aristocratic sensibilities. Einhorn's lawyer, meanwhile, incorrectly insisted that Einhorn would be put to death if sent back to the United States.

"What finally broke it for us is that I had to go to the legislature of Pennsylvania and get a law passed that would guarantee that Ira Einhorn would not be executed if he were brought to Pennsylvania," Abraham said. "And even though I had explained to the French authorities that he couldn't be executed because of the law in effect as of the time the murder took place, they absolutely wouldn't believe me."

"The contortions that we had to go through all the way through the courts of France, up to and including the highest appeals court, the Cour d'appel in Paris, was unbelievable."

By 2002, Einhorn had finally been returned to the United States and convicted again. He is serving a life sentence for first-degree murder.

All of which makes the pleas of Strauss-Kahn's French defenders—whose objections range from the cruelty of his perp walk to the honorability of his character—particularly comical.

For the better part of two decades, Ira Einhorn, wanted for murder and convicted in absentia, found a haven in France. For nearly five years after that, his French protectors refused to turn him over to Philadelphia-based investigators. Now those same delicate sensibilities prescribe leniency and bail for a potential French presidential candidate embroiled in an alleged sexual tryst gone horribly wrong?

As they say in South Philly: Fuggetaboutit!

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Parade to debt cliff

We all know our government is, in informal lingo, broke! And with revenues going deeper south, one would think that the Legislature would hawk over the local coffers with self-imposed prudence or frugality. Instead, it decided to ignore the magnitude of the fiscal crisis and has gone on its own spending spree.

But isn't this the same Legislature that approved the austerity measure often slammed with the biweekly theme "delayed" paydays, payments to the Fund, CUC, vendors, scholarships, etc? Why re-arrange the chairs on the deck after the ship has gone belly up? Aren't these setbacks sufficient to warrant and guard against unbridled spending? Or is it a fully concocted inadvertence of dismissive arrogance?

The Legislature's action has become fodder for laughter among high school and college students pondering whatever happened to common sense. Is the floor the first floor?

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There's money for pet projects and an economic summit relating to the Northern Islands. A summit? Is the NI a key player in the economic landscape here or more of a drain on scarce resources? What's the goal anyway other than to sit in our comfort zone hoping to recite an old adage, "After all is said and done, a lot more is said than done" because there's no seed money for this off the wall goal?

Pozzolan and basalt mining has been on the drawing board for more than a decade. Has it moved anywhere in recent years? Wasn't this the result of the lack of basic infrastructure on Pagan? Granted, the island has about 13 million metric tons of pozzolan and basalt. I've sought for prospective investors while with DPL. However, China, the presumptive market, doesn't need pozzolan, given its very limited quantity. Furthermore, it uses its own fly ash to mix and strengthen its cement products.

It's good to romanticize the establishment of cottage industries at least on cement production for the NMI, Guam, and the Micronesian region. Assuming it's viable, investors would have been flocking to the islands on exploratory trips. One Texas firm came but exited as quickly as it came. Coupled with the loss of confidence on investments here (with the departure of key players in recent past) how do we navigate economic recovery?

If you will, most investments in and around Asia are headed to China over the next three to five years. Even Japan is seriously guarding the likely outflow of foreign investments given the difficulty of making healthy return on investments significantly derailed by the recent devastation. Where do we fit in the global economic

radar that promises investors healthy return on their investments? Can we realistically answer this query?

Finally, the island of Saipan has more than 4,000 residential homestead applicants keeping their fingers crossed that DPL would find the requisite funds to begin infrastructural emplacement. But the department is also hit with a reduction in its annual revenues and can't possibly fathom opening homesteads here in the near term. In short, it requires millions of dollars and I mean millions!

We can go on and on displaying a parade of platitudes and recycled arguments riddled with vacuous political posturing. How about buckling down to reviewing, on a realistic basis, the real financial posture of the NMI? It pays to be in the know so we don't continue digging our own graves deeper by the day. It would be profoundly embarrassing to ignore the magnitude of the fiscal crisis by turning our heads the other way. *Gi finu famaguon, "get real lai!" ya inna 'bali i usun kutbata.*

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Tribal vs individual ownership

We've heard assertions relating to land of Native Americans, somehow convinced we fit the bill of tribal land. The specific assertion is that if their land can be protected, then ours too can survive U.S. Supreme Court scrutiny.

A legal analyst says that Native American land belongs to the federal government. The disposition of such land focuses solely on benefits destined for the tribe, not its individual members. The U.S. Supreme Court also categorizes two issues that made tribal land free of the equal protection scrutiny. They are: "political" and "racial." Political refers to recognized tribal organizations, therefore the existence of collective landownership. Racial relates to the fact that they are Native Americans.

The NMI did not meet this criteria set by the U.S. Supreme Court. Our land is individually owned. It never belonged to a certain Chamorro tribe. The tribal system doesn't exist in terms of our land tenure system. No matter the land disposition it usually ends up being individually owned. Thus, the benefit of collective ownership doesn't exist. It opens and reverts the racially based ownership subject to the principle of equal protection scrutiny because there's no such a thing as tribal land in the NMI.

Our race-based landownership system per Article 12 is both racist and discriminatory. It is more the reason to repeal it forthwith! Let's use our moral obligation as a contribution to guide us through this mess. It's time to right a wrong against other fellow U.S. citizens. When it's time to vote against it, let's do so decisively. Passivity in this instance won't work. Let's repeal it!

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The issue on Article 12 isn't about the sale of land, but the principle

Economic freedom key to improving society

By **CHARLES G. KOCH**
THE WICHITA EAGLE (WICHITA, KAN.)

My brother David and I have long supported the principles that help societies prosper. I have actively done so for nearly 50 years, as has my brother for more than 40.

In recent years, we have stepped up our efforts to deal with the enormous threats to the future well-being of the people of this country. This has prompted some extreme criticism. From the White House to fringe bloggers, we are now being vilified, mischaracterized and threatened.

In a perverse way, these attacks indicate that we are having a positive effect on public awareness and policymaking. That is why we are working even harder to advance economic freedom and prosperity.

We do so because we believe economic freedom is essential for improving the well-being of society as a whole, especially those who work hard to provide for their families, as well as our most vulnerable. History and sound theory are clear on this point. If we allow our government to waste scarce resources and become the ultimate decision maker, almost everyone will suffer a lower standard of living.

For evidence, look at what ethanol policies have done to fuel and food prices. And who is hurt most by higher prices? Working men and women, and the less fortunate.

Our government made a point of reforming its welfare policies for individuals but not for corporations. Cap-and-trade proposals, the health-care bill, federal bailouts and "green" subsidies all favor a few businesses (usually large ones) at the expense of consumers, taxpayers and most other companies.

Unfair programs that favor certain companies—such as the current well-intentioned but misguided suggestion that the natural-gas

industry should receive enormous new subsidies—don't just happen. They are promoted, in large part, by those seeking to profit politically, rather than by competing in a market where consumers vote with their wallets.

By contrast, we lobby against regulations or policies that would increase our profits at the expense of consumers. We believe in satisfying customers by competing on equal terms, rather than the government picking winners and losers.

For example, because ethanol use is mandated, we were compelled to be in that business, so we chose to be in it in the most competitive way we could. We still oppose ethanol subsidies and mandates, even though some of our businesses would benefit from them.

Koch companies employ nearly 50,000 Americans, including about 2,500 in Kansas, in supplying goods and services that make people's lives better. Since 2003 we have invested more than \$42 billion to grow and make our facilities safer, more environmentally friendly, more efficient and more productive.

A major labor union official recently noted that many of our manufacturing jobs are among the best-paying and most productive in the United States. These are real jobs creating real value for real people—the same people who must bear the burden of excessive spending, uncontrolled debt and onerous regulations.

We need voters, leaders and businesspeople to support economic freedom. If we all depend on the government for everything, who will provide all the goods and services our government promises?

A recent cartoon strip illustrated this well. The king announces that from now on there will be free health care, housing, clothing, food and jobs for everybody. To which a peasant responds: "If we're given all that, why do we need jobs?"

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By **JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**

Special to the Saipan Tribune



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of ownership and the ability to be the final arbiter of one's property. To maintain the current arrangement is to acknowledge that we still want corrupt politicians to guide our livelihood with a leash. Is this basically the desire of our people? Aren't we capable of deciding on our own how to dispose of our land? Think and think about it long and hard.

Letter to the Editor

Ethics complaint

I just read a *Saipan Tribune* article about attorney Stephanie Flores, who has been sanctioned by Guam's Supreme Court and who now faces possible sanctions from the federal district court for the Northern Marianas. This article correctly referenced a bar complaint I filed against attorney Stephanie Flores with the CNMI Bar Association in 2007 and mentioned that it was unclear how my complaint was ultimately handled.

My complaint essentially documents how attorney Flores accepted money from a client and then proceeded to completely abandon her client's case, in clear violation of the model rules of her profession.

In response to the question posed by your article, I am writing to state that I filed a bar complaint against Stephanie Flores four years ago and that the matter still remains pending with the CNMI Bar Association's Disciplinary Committee today. Shortly after I filed my complaint, I received an official acknowledgment of my complaint from the CNMI Bar Association's Disciplinary Committee.

From the time I filed my complaint and received an acknowledgment of my complaint in 2007, I was not contacted nor interviewed by the CNMI Bar regarding this matter until December of 2010 or April of 2011, when I was asked to resubmit my complaint with supporting documents, which I have done. As of this year, 2011, an attorney has finally been assigned to handle this complaint and I am confident that appropriate actions will ultimately be taken to address this matter more than four years after filing my complaint, and after Guam authorities have already acted.

I am pleased that Guam's legal authorities have taken steps to appropriately discipline a member of their bar, and I call on CNMI authorities to do the same to uphold the high ethical standards of the legal profession in a very small and tightly-knit legal community.

Finally, I urge all clients dealing with attorneys to carefully study the American Bar Association's Model Rules of Professional Conduct, which is available at no cost online, so that they are properly informed of the important rules and standards governing the attorney-client relationship, so that they can properly protect themselves, uphold their consumer rights, and hold all CNMI attorneys accountable to established professional standards. Clients should always keep themselves well informed and never be afraid to file bar complaints when warranted.

By filing my complaint, I was at least able to secure the return of a deposit for legal services not rendered.

Charles P. Reyes Jr.

via email

Thank you

Dear people of Tinian: On behalf of the student body and staff, the student government organization wants to give a big thank you to all of the people of Tinian for putting coins in the jars to support the Japan disaster relief fund. The people of Tinian contributed approximately \$40. This demonstrates that we can all work together to continue helping others. In order for the people of Tinian to help our community and other communities, we should continue to contribute what we can to the Red Cross, an organization that is there for us in our times of need. Again, thank you, people of Tinian, for supporting the Japan disaster relief fund by putting coins in our jars.

Nicole Quichocho






SGO Governor

Tinian Elementary School

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲87 ▼81
Palau	Rain	▲85 ▼77
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲83 ▼77
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲83 ▼77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼79
Majuro	Rain	▲84 ▼78

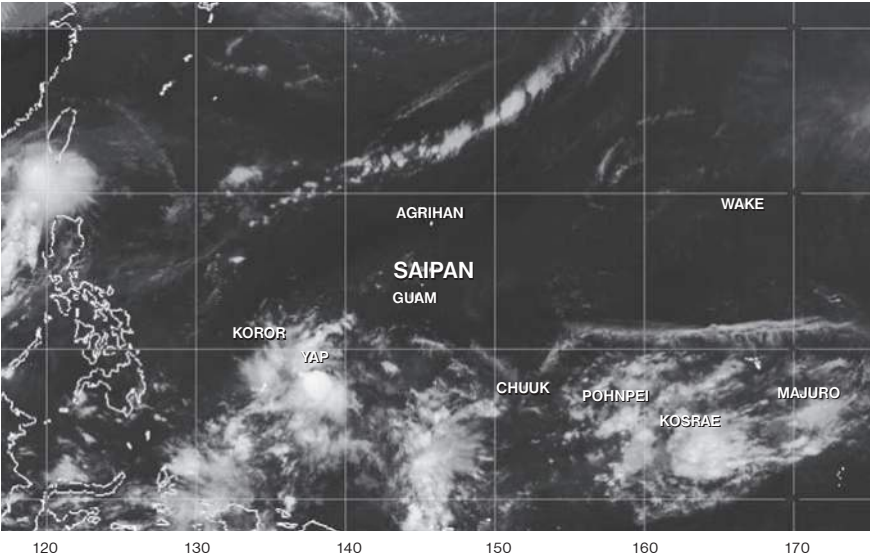
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Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲86 ▼78
Honolulu	Windy	▲83 ▼73
London	Showers	▲67 ▼52
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲70 ▼59
Manila	Thundershowers	▲90 ▼80
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲58 ▼50
Miami	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼76
New York	Thundershowers	▲80 ▼64
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲75 ▼64
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲72 ▼51
Pusan	Windy	▲72 ▼62
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲79 ▼60
Salem	Showers	▲65 ▼49
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲58 ▼51
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲76 ▼59
Tokyo	Showers	▲73 ▼64
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲84 ▼68

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
1:19 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet	
6:12 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	
1:38 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet	
8:41 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2011
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough runs northeastward through a tropical disturbance centered just south of Yap near 8N138E then turns southeastward to end at EQ145E. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are found over Yap and just east of Koror between 11N and 5N from 135E to 140E farther south. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are located southwest of Koror between 5N and the equator from 130E to 136E and southwest of Chuuk between 7N and the equator from 143E to 149E. Converging east winds are generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over a large portion of eastern Micronesia including Pohnpei, Kosrae and the Marshalls Islands between 9N and 1N from 155E to 172E. A cold front curves southwestward from 25N152E to 21N140E then continues westward as a stationary front to end near 132E at 21N. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found north of the Mariana Islands along and up to 100 miles northwest of this boundary.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:44 PM
Thursday	5:46 AM	6:44 PM
Friday	5:46 AM	6:44 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:45 PM
Sunday	5:46 AM	6:45 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	4:55 AM	6:13 PM
Thursday	5:45 AM	7:07 PM
Friday	6:39 AM	8:00 PM
Saturday	7:35 AM	8:51 PM
Sunday	8:32 AM	9:40 PM

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C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6	C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	5K389	1:35pm	2:25pm	1, 4, 6
5K382	6:00pm	6:50pm	2, 5, 7	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily	C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily	C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:00am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
MU590	4:30am	7:20am	2, 6	MU589	8:50pm	3:30am+1	1, 5
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 5	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 4	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	7:45am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM	C0890/9606	10:55am	8:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:00am	10:15pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
C09313/933	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM	C0892/9596	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09603/893	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:25am+1	6 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 ICN	PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:50am+1	1, 2, 4, 7 via GUM
OZ604/715	3:20pm	11:30pm	7	C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 4, 7 via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:25am+1	3, 6 via GUM
				C0934/9596	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG				HONG KONG-SAIPAN			
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C09603/909	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM	5K169	9:55am	5:00pm	2, 5, 7
5K168	3:25pm	6:35pm	1, 4, 6	OZ722/605	1:25pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
				C0910/9596	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM
Editor's Note: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 5K: FlyGuam; 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; CZ: China Southern; CO: Continental; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana				ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The <i>Saipan Tribune</i> is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)			

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 300	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Second green sea turtle, Magas, gets satellite tag

A green sea turtle that returned to the Lao Lao Bay Beach early yesterday morning to lay eggs got something extra when she returned to sea a few hours later—a satellite tag attached to her shell that will help scientists keep track of her movements in the months ahead.

The turtle's name is Magas (or Boss in the Chamorro language) and was named with the assistance of Rota High School students. Magas was the second satellite tagged turtle in Saipan's history.

Upon release early Tuesday morning, the turtle crawled back into the Pacific Ocean with her satellite transmitter protruding above the water's surface. Only time will tell where this turtle is headed. Turtles satellite tagged by the Guam Division of Aquatic & Wildlife Resource staff in 2007 traveled to the Philippines and Japan.

Sea turtles that nest in the CNMI only stay long enough to mate and lay several nests and are

off again to their next destination: foraging grounds. These foraging grounds are places where turtles find food and shelter for several years until they return to their nesting grounds to lay eggs on Saipan beaches again.

Satellite tags are radio transmitters that send signals to satellites orbiting earth. Information from the satellite is then relayed to computers via the ARGOS system. Scientists then plot tracks and produce maps showing the migration routes of each tagged turtle.

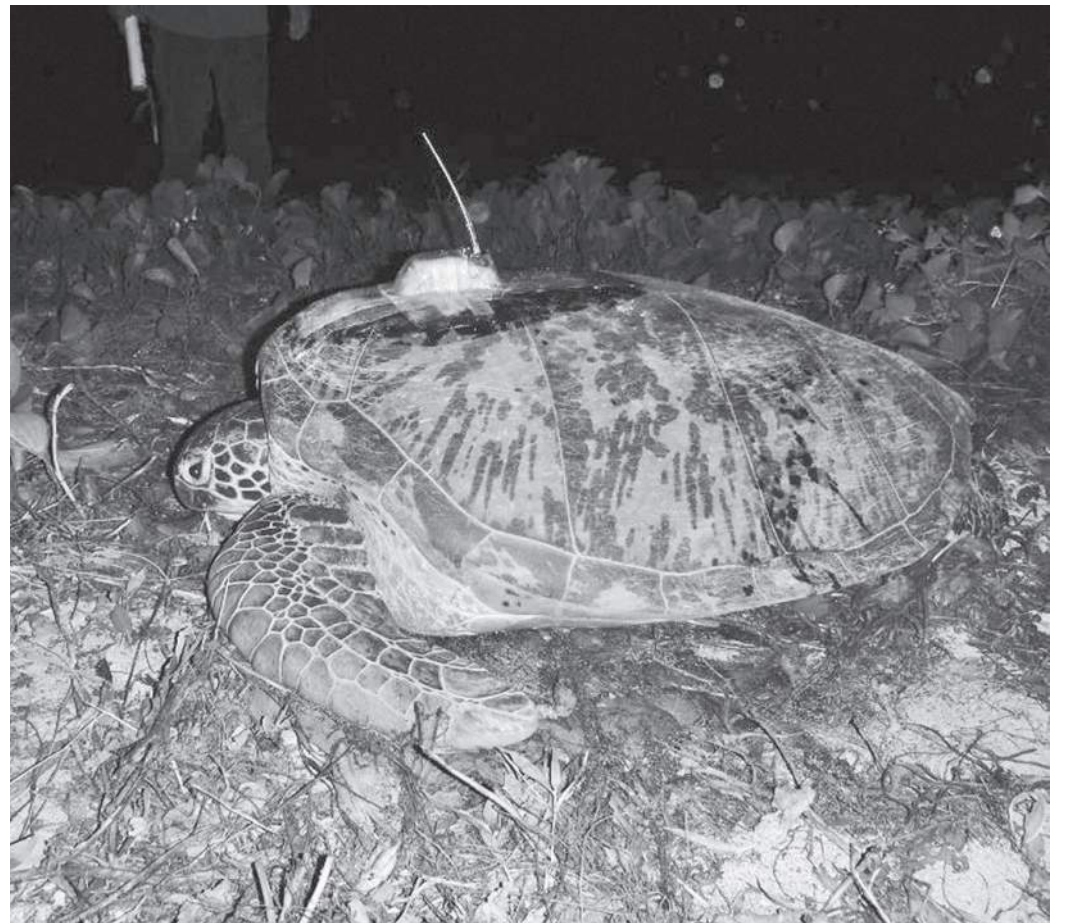
Satellite tagging provides immediate and detailed information on turtle movements, dive time, and water temperature, showing the actual route taken to foraging areas by turtles after nesting.

Once Magas has left Saipan's nesting grounds and her tag is registered online, scientists, schoolchildren, and members of the community alike will be able to track her progress on www.seaturtle.org and www.ihaggan.com.

This project is supported by the CNMI Department of Lands & Natural Resources and the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration.

Future plans for the CNMI DLNR Sea Turtle Program include deploying one more satellite tag this nesting season within the Tank Beach Trochus Reserve. This next satellite tagged turtle will be given a Carolinian name suggested by Kagman High School Marine Biology Club members.

"We hope to use the information gained from this study not only as a teaching tool for students, but to further CNMI sea turtle conservation efforts," said Tammy Summers, NOAA contract biologist. "The DLNR Sea Turtle Program looks forward to partnering with international agencies that are responsible for managing turtle issues in their foraging grounds, wherever they may be, to ensure protection of these species at home and abroad." (*Saipan Tribune*)



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Magas crawls back into the Pacific Ocean with a satellite transmitter attached to her back. Magas returned to the Lao Lao Bay Beach early yesterday morning to lay eggs.



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CLASS FUNDRAISER

Members of the Marianas High School Class of 2002 hold up a signboard for a carwash they did on Saturday, May 28, 2011, as part of a fundraiser for their upcoming reunion. From left to right: Jovan, Roxanne, Beau, Lee, Desiree, Jemma and Rosa. Other members that were present but not in photo are Vera, Rose Marie, and Roland. Thank you to all those who supported our fundraiser and the Class of 2002 will be having more fundraisings to come.

Deadline for water operators to submit consumer confidence reports for 2010

The Division of Environmental Quality's Safe Drinking Water Branch is reminding operators of community water systems to submit their Consumer Confidence Report for year 2010 to customers by July 1, 2011. Operators must also deliver a copy of their CCR to DEQ by July 1, 2011.

Acceptable CCR distribution methods include:

- Mail or deliver one copy of the report to each customer
- Systems that bill customers by mail should mail a copy of the CCR to each billed customer. Enough copies of the CCR should be sent to single billed customers that have multiple

residential units, such as apartment buildings, so that each residential unit can receive a copy.

■ Bottle water companies should direct deliver the CCR to each of their customer's homes during home deliver of water, deliver copies of the CCR to retail outlets for distribution with retail sales, and post notices on bulk water retail tanks that the CCR is available upon request.

■ Community water systems serving 500 or fewer people (hotels, garment factories, etc.) may either post the CCR in an appropriate location for their resident workers, or post a notice that the CCR is available upon request.

■ Every community water system must make its CCR available to the public upon request.

If you require assistance in preparing your CCR, there is an EPA document that you can print a copy from, *Preparing your Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report: Revised Guidance for Water Supplier* dated January 2001 (this document is available online at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater>). DEQ Safe Drinking Water Staff are also available to review a draft of the CCR. Arrange an appointment with CCR coordinator Julie De la Rosa at 664-8500 prior to June 24, 2011, if you want help with preparing your CCR. (PR)

Predatory mite will help save agricultural crops in Guam

A Western Pacific Tropical Research Center scientist was recently awarded a \$25,000 grant from U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services to introduce predatory mites to control plant-feeding mites in Guam.

Dr. Gadi V.P. Reddy, a chemical ecologist and entomologist at the University of Guam, has been given the green light to introduce a predatory mite to control mites that are feeding on eggplant, tomato, okra, and other various vegetable crops in Guam.

Mites have become a serious problem on certain vegetable crops. Reddy and his team collected mites and sent them to Angela Marmont



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Spider mite, *Tetranychus marianae*, a serious mite pest causing damage to vegetable crops in Guam.

Centre for UK Biodiversity, Natural History Museum, London for identification. *Tetranychus marianae* was identified as the dominant mite species collected from eggplant and tomato plants in Guam.

"I have already obtained the permit from USDA to import *Neoseiulus californicus*, a beneficial mite, from Tennessee to control the mite pests. Mass rearing on caged potted plants will give us the population necessary for releasing into Guam's vegetable fields," says Reddy. "Recently conducted local biocontrol studies indicate once this predatory mite is established, it will curtail the damaging mite population which in turn will reduce pesticide use and increase biodiversity."

Once released, Reddy's team will be collecting samples of the introduced mite and recording data from various vegetable crops around the island. The data will be entered into the comprehensive predatory mite database of the Guam Insect Collection, which will be provided to local and regional APHIS personnel. This data will then be added to the *National Agricultural Pest Information System* database.

Information generated during the time-frame of this biocontrol program will be incorporated into training courses for personnel within the governments of Guam, the CNMI, and other Micronesian Islands. These training courses will be held on an annual basis at the University of Guam and will be jointly sponsored by UOG and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community. In addition, Reddy and University of Guam extension personnel will give presentations to local growers and other stakeholders that will provide an excellent forum for disseminating biocontrol information.

"Recently, governmental funding sources have had their budgets cut dramatically. We are very proud of Dr. Reddy's stellar track record in securing funding for his research activities that support local farmers," said Dr. Greg Wiecko, WPTRC associate director.

Reddy is the co-author/editor of *Biological Control of Tropical Weeds using Arthropods*, published by Cambridge University Press. (PR)

Business

Tech mogul pays bright minds not to go to college

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Instead of paying attention in high school, Nick Cammarata preferred to read books on whatever interested him. He also has a gift for coding that got him into Carnegie Mellon University's esteemed computer science program despite his grades.

But the 18-year-old programmer won't be going to college this fall. Or maybe ever.

Cammarata is one of two dozen winners of a scholarship just awarded by San Francisco tech tycoon Peter Thiel that comes with a unique catch: The recipients are being paid not to go to college.

Instead, these teenagers and 20-year-olds are getting \$100,000 each to chase their entrepreneurial dreams for the next two years.

"It seems like the perfect

In this May 27, 2011 photo, John Burnham, one of two dozen recipients of a unique scholarship, visits the Rocket Garden at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex in Cape Canaveral, Fla. **AP**



point in our lives to pursue this kind of project," says Cammarata of Newburyport, Mass., who along with 17-year-old David Merfield will be working on software to upend the standard approach to teaching in high school classrooms.

Merfield, the valedictorian of his Princeton, N.J., high school class, is turning down a chance to go to Princeton University to take the fellowship.

Thiel himself hand-picked the winners based on the potential of their proposed projects to change the world.

All the proposals have a high technology angle but otherwise span many disciplines.

One winner wants to create a mobile banking system for the developing world. Another is working to create cheaper biofuels. One wants to build robots that can help out around the house.

The prizes come at a time when debate in the U.S. over the value of higher education has become heated. New graduates mired in student loan debt are

encountering one of the toughest job markets in decades. Rising tuitions and diminishing prospects have led many to ask whether college is actually worth the time and money.

"Turning people into debt slaves when they're college students is really not how we end up building a better society," Thiel says.

Thiel made his fortune as a co-founder of online payment service PayPal shortly after graduating from Stanford Law School. He then became the first major investor in Facebook. In conversation and as a philanthropist, Thiel pushes his strong belief that innovation has stagnated in the U.S. and that radical solutions are needed to push civilization forward.

The "20 Under 20" fellowship is one such effort. Thiel believes that the best young minds can contribute more to society by skipping college and bringing their ideas straight to the real world.

And he has the shining example of Facebook to back up his claim. Thiel's faith in the world-changing potential of Harvard dropout Mark Zuckerberg's idea led him to invest \$500,000 in

the company, a stake that is now worth billions.

Still, the Zuckerbergs of the tech industry are famous because they are the exceptions. Silicon Valley is littered with decades-worth of failed tech startups.

Vivek Wadhwa, director of research at Duke University's Center for Entrepreneurship and a writer for TechCrunch and Bloomberg Businessweek, has assailed Thiel's program for sending what he sees as the message that anyone can be Mark Zuckerberg.

"Silicon Valley lives in its own bubble. It sees the world through its own prism. It's got a distorted view," Wadhwa says.

"All the people who are making a fuss are highly educated. They're rich themselves. They've achieved success because of their education. There's no way in hell we would have heard about Peter Thiel if he hadn't graduated from Stanford," he says.

Thiel says the "20 Under 20" program shouldn't be judged on the basis of his own educational background or even the merits of his critique of higher education. He urges his critics to wait and see what the fellows achieve over the next two years.

Lagarde in Brazil to promote IMF candidacy

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP)—French Finance Minister Christine Lagarde met with her Brazilian counterpart Monday to promote her candidacy to head the International Monetary Fund and said she backed the institution's reforms giving developing nations more of a voice in its operations.

Despite the overture, Brazil's Finance Minister Guido Mantega said his country would examine all the candidates for the top job before throwing its support behind anyone. The only other declared candidate, Mexico's central bank Governor Agustín Carstens, plans to visit Brazil later this week.

Lagarde, who would be the IMF's first female leader, has

emerged as the odds-on favorite to replace former Managing Director Dominique Strauss-Kahn, of France, who quit May 18 after he was accused of sexually attacking a New York hotel maid. He has denied the allegations.

Lagarde said the IMF should continue reforms giving developing countries a greater share of votes in the institution, among other measures.

"There is a wave of reform that has been pledged since 2008 and needs to be carried out," she said after meeting Mantega.

At a later press conference,

Lagarde added: "I will ensure that the Fund represents the diversity of all its members."

Lagarde is touring the globe's big developing powers in anticipation that her appointment

may increase tensions with nations such as Brazil and China that argue countries outside of Europe should be allowed to lead the organization.

"Being European and French should not be a benefit and it should not be a drawback," Lagarde told reporters after meeting with Mantega.

The decision on the next IMF leader is expected by the end of June. It will be made by the

agency's 24-member executive board, whose officials represent the 187 IMF member countries.

The Brazilian finance minister said the IMF should be open to breaking with longstanding tradition, in which the IMF is led by a European while the United States names a head for sister organization the World Bank.

"We have to leave the door open so that the director of the IMF could be anybody—they could be European, an American" or a person from an emerging power, Mantega said.

"What is important for Brazil is that the IMF continues its path of the last three years, when it's gone through important reforms



Lagarde

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Japan jobless rate in April rises to 4.7 percent

TOKYO (AP)—Japan's unemployment rate in April rose for the first time in six months, while the nation's factory output posted a weaker-than-expected rebound amid sluggish output following the March earthquake and tsunami. The April jobless rate climbed to 4.7 percent from the March unemployment rate of 4.6 percent, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications said Tuesday. The number of jobless people in Japan stood at 3.09 million in April, down 300,000 from a year earlier, the ministry said.

Renault taps Nissan executive as new COO

PARIS (AP)—French automaker Renault says it has named a top executive of Nissan Americas as its chief operating officer—an effort to get past an embarrassing scandal over false accusations of espionage. The partially state-owned French car maker said Carlos Tavares, head of

operations at the U.S. division of Renault partner Nissan, will take up the post starting Monday. In a statement, Carlos Ghosn—the CEO of both Renault and Nissan—called the appointment of Tavares "a first step in strengthening Renault's management."

Fiat willing to buy Canada's Chrysler stock

TORONTO (AP)—The chief executive officer of Chrysler and Fiat said Monday he and Canadian authorities have begun talking about purchasing Canada's 1.7 percent ownership in Chrysler. The Canadian federal government and provincial Ontario governments received 1.7 percent of Chrysler two years ago as part of a bailout that also provided \$1.7 billion in loans to help the Detroit company survive. Chrysler, already controlled by Fiat, recently paid back the last of the money it borrowed from the Canadian and American governments. Fiat then began the process of buying the shares owned by the U.S. government.

ECB official: New Greek aid under study

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)—Greece could get another euro20 billion (\$28 billion) in aid from its fellow euro countries and raise three times that through new austerity measures such as selling government property, a top European Central Bank official says.

Lorenzo Bini Smaghi, a member of the ECB's executive board, is quoted by the Financial Times as saying Greece needs between euro60 billion and euro70

billion through next year.

That gap could be filled in several ways, Bini Smaghi said, giving a rough sketch of a plan for additional assistance that was split between government and private-sector contributions.

The private sector money would come partly from selling government property as well as rolled-over investments from Greek banks and issuance of short-term government debt.

The government half would

be split, two-thirds from the euro area countries, or about euro20 billion, and the rest from the International Monetary Fund.

He said the plan "has to be studied further" and would in any case require concrete commitments from the Greek government to keep working to fix its finances. Greek political parties, however, failed last week to agree to a new plan of austerity measures.



LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	S&P	NASDAQ
12,441.60	1,331.10	2,796.86
38.82	5.41	13.94
0.31%	0.41%	0.50%

EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms	Australian Dollar	0.9341	Indian Rupee	45.1675	Singapore Dollar	1.2362
	British Pound	0.6057	Indonesian Rupiah	8,565	South Korean Won	1,082.25
	Canadian Dollar	0.9762	Japanese Yen	80.7985	Swiss Franc	0.8494
	Chinese Yuan	6.4916	Malaysian Ringgit	3.0315	Taiwan Dollar	28.8205
	Euro	0.6984	New Zealand Dollar	1.2207	Thailand Baht	30.305

Nation

Memorial Day marked by parades, flyovers, flags

WASHINGTON (AP)—Americans from the nation's capital to Alaska marked Memorial Day with parades, somber reflection and even a climbing expedition in a holiday infused with fresh meaning by the approaching 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The National Memorial Day Parade in Washington honored veterans and America's war dead but also featured special tributes to Sept. 11 first responders, victims and their families. Also fresh in the minds of parade participants and watchers was the killing less than a month ago of Osama bin Laden, who masterminded the attacks.

Elsewhere, military jets thundered through the sky above New York after a wreath-laying ceremony aboard an aircraft carrier that's been turned into a museum, while hundreds of volunteers put small flags on the 25,000 graves at a sprawling military cemetery near Las Vegas. U.S. troops fighting in Afghanistan also took time out to remember fallen comrades.

Along the parade route in Washington, children sat on parents' shoulders and throngs cheered the passing high school marching bands and floats of war veterans. Special guests included Medal of Honor recipients, astronaut and Korean War veteran Buzz Aldrin and actor Gary Sinise, a veterans advocate who played Lt. Dan in the



People applaud as President Barack Obama pays tribute to Adm. Mike Mullen, outgoing Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, during the Memorial Day ceremony in the amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery Monday, May 30, 2011.

Oscar-winning film "Forrest Gump."

Hamilton Peterson, who lost his father and stepmother when the hijacked United Airlines 93 crashed into a field in Shanksville, Pa., said the looming anniversary of the terror attacks should serve as a reminder to Americans to be vigilant.

"Obviously, bin Laden's death is a highlight of the 10th anniversary. However, we recognize that future attacks are imminent and that, absent using 9/11 as a model for how to respond, all Americans need to get involved. It can't just be the military," said Peterson, 51.

Sgt. James Patrick McMichael of the Arlington County, Va., sheriff's office was among the first responders to the Pentagon and was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder about two years later. He said that even though the anniversary was dredging up painful memories, it's still critical that the public never lose memory of

the attacks—especially to make sure they don't happen again.

A commercial jet crashed into the Pentagon on Sept. 11, killing 184 people at the sprawling Defense Department headquarters.

"Reliving the event is not something that I look forward to, but I don't think it should be something that's not

brought up to the public," said McMichael, who attended the parade in Washington. "I don't think people should forget about what occurred."

The parade featured a Shanksville fire engine and a red, white and blue float bearing the images of the victims on miniature twin towers. Seventeen-year-old spectator Zach Garrett recalled watching coverage of the attacks as a third-grader.

"Watching it on the TV, it was disturbing at that age," said the Alpharetta, Ga., resident who was visiting Washington with his family. "And here, 10 years later, this big parade—everybody's participating and everybody's on the sidelines cheering everybody on. There's a lot of patriotism here."

President Barack Obama participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington.

"Our nation owes a debt to its fallen heroes that we cannot ever fully repay," Obama said in a speech. "But we can honor their sacrifice, and we must."

In New York, Lynn Berat dressed her young daughters in matching red, white and blue sundresses for a the ceremony at the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum on the west side of Manhattan.

"I think it's important that they understand the spirit of Memorial Day instead of just barbecuing," she said.

ACROSS THE NATION

Egyptian exec accused in attack on NY hotel maid

NEW YORK (AP)—A former chairman of one of Egypt's major banks was arrested Monday on charges of sexually abusing a maid at a Manhattan hotel, just weeks after the arrest of former International Monetary Fund chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn on similar allegations, police said. Mahmoud Abdel Salam Omar is accused of sexually abusing the maid at The Pierre, a luxurious hotel near Central Park and Fifth Avenue on the Upper East Side, police said. The maid was called to Omar's room Sunday night to drop off tissues, police said. But once inside the 74-year-old's room, police said Omar would not let her leave and touched her inappropriately.

Wildfires destroy 12 homes in Texas Panhandle

AMARILLO, Texas (AP)—Two wildfires have destroyed at least 12 homes on the outskirts of the Texas Panhandle city of Amarillo. Texas Forest Service

spokesman Marq Webb says the fires began burning early Sunday evening. He says low humidity, temperatures in the 100s and high winds created favorable conditions for fires. He says firefighters are still battling wildfires across Texas on Monday. About 2.8 million acres have burned in the state since November.

Crews rescue man trapped in Tenn. cave

WINCHESTER, Tenn. (AP)—Authorities say rescue crews have freed a man who injured his back, pelvis and wrist when he fell in a cave in southern Tennessee. The Franklin County Sheriff's Office tells WRCB-TV in Chattanooga that the 51-year-old Huntsville, Ala., man had been trapped in Sinking Cove Cave since Sunday afternoon and has broken bones. The office said Monday night that crews had gotten him out. Sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Chris Guess said the man, whose name was not immediately released, was about 2,000 feet underground and had fallen some 15 to 20 feet.

Gen. Dempsey chosen to head Joint Chiefs of Staff

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama moved Monday to seal an overhaul of his national security team, selecting Army Gen. Martin Dempsey as the next Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman amid protracted battle in Afghanistan, U.S. involvement in the NATO-led effort against Libya's Moammar Gadhafi and a winding down of the war in Iraq.

Obama announced a new lineup of his top military leadership group in the Rose Garden of the White House just before venturing across the Potomac to pay tribute to the nation's war dead at Arlington National Cemetery. The Memorial Day announcements had been ex-

pected, although there was no immediate indication what the military leadership moves might imply for possible changes in military strategy.

Already, the president had turned, in late April, to CIA Director Leon Panetta to succeed Robert Gates as secretary of defense and chose to move Army Gen. David Petraeus from his command of the Afghanistan war effort to the United States to replace Panetta at the CIA.

Marine Gen. James Cartwright had long been rumored to be Obama's favorite, and the

president singled him out for praise at the announcement. But he turned instead to Dempsey, an accomplished veteran of the



Dempsey

Iraq war, to succeed Adm. Mike Mullen as his top military adviser, calling Dempsey "one of our nation's most respected and combat-tested generals."

The president also announced he has chosen Navy Adm. James Winnefeld to succeed Cartwright as vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs and Army Gen. Ray Odierno as his candidate to replace Dempsey as Army chief of staff.

The nominees have to be approved by the Senate, and Obama voiced hope that could happen in a timely fashion.

At the White House, Obama called America's servicemen and women "the best our nation has to offer, and they deserve nothing but the best in return, and that includes leaders."

Later on, Obama placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at the venerable Arlington burial grounds. And in a speech at the Arlington amphitheater in front of a flag-draped wall, the president, who had met earlier in the day with families of troops killed in war, said: "To those of you mourn the loss of a loved one today, my heart goes out to you."

Residents return to flood-damaged homes in Miss.

CUTOFF, Miss. (AP)—Javier Campos returned to his neighborhood for the first time in nearly a month Monday to find the serene little enclave of fishing camps and homes a putrid, mud-caked mess after the historic flooding of the Mississippi River.

"It's too late for praying now," he said, stomping through the sludge.

Like Campos, many residents

got their first glimpse Monday of what's left of Cutoff, an unincorporated community on the unprotected side of the river in Mississippi's Tunica County.

Authorities had already used machinery to remove dead deer and propane tanks from roads, but a thick layer of mud coated piles of debris and almost everything else in sight. Some of the houses, most built on stilts on

the banks of Tunica Lake, had been flooded nearly to their attics. Only five out of 350 structures didn't flood.

The tally of the damage continues here, but at least a dozen houses are a total loss, and maybe more, with one left laying on its side.

Inspectors let some residents return home over the weekend, but most were seeing the destruc-

tion Monday for the first time.

Campos, a 32-year-old handyman, still couldn't quite get to his own home. So he pulled on a pair of gloves and started helping a neighbor salvage what he could.

"It's terrible, man. Everybody needs help," Campos said. "So I'm helping my neighbors, and when I can get back to my house, maybe they will help me."

Asia

Protests break calm in China's Inner Mongolia



AP
In this May 26, 2011, photo released by Southern Mongolian Human Rights Information Center, Mongolian herders and students hold a banner which reads "Defend our homeland" during a protest in Left Ujumchin county in northern China's Inner Mongolia province.

BEIJING (AP)—Calls for justice by Mongols in the resource-rich, prosperous borderland of northern China have shattered the calm there to which Chinese leaders have grown accustomed.

Clashes that left two Mongols dead in mid-May triggered protests in several cities and towns last week that have become the largest demonstrations in the Inner Mongolia region in 20 years. The government has responded with a broad clampdown, pouring police into the streets, disrupting Internet service and confining high school and university students to campus.

The strategy appears to have thwarted major demonstrations in the regional capital of Hohhot, though a witness and monitoring group said one group attempted to march on government offices on Monday but were turned back by police. Several dozen protesters were detained, the U.S.-based Southern Mongolian Human Rights

Information Center said.

There were no reports of protests on Tuesday and people reached by telephone at travel agencies, hotels, fast food restaurants and shops in Hohhot said they know of no demonstrations.

Staff at government offices, three local universities, and government-controlled Muslim and Buddhist religious institutions refused to comment in a likely sign that a media blackout has been ordered.

Hohhot's main downtown square has been cordoned off with crime scene tape and paramilitary policemen stationed along its outer edge, according to photos taken Sunday and posted on the website of the Southern Mongolian Human Rights Information Center. Riot police vehicles were parked along side streets, while officers also guarded the gates of local universities to prevent students from leaving or outsiders from entering.

Prevented from marching,

students have instead staged small demonstrations and acts of defiance on campus, including throwing Chinese-language textbooks out of dormitory windows, the center said. Teachers were also being confined to campuses, it said.

Official Communist Party newspapers on Tuesday also carried front page reports emphasizing government support for herders and Mongolian culture—an apparent bid to address protesters' major concerns.

The People's Daily said 13 billion yuan (\$2 billion) was paid to herders each year to compensate them for not raising livestock as part of efforts to preserve fragile pasturelands. Such payments could raise a herding family's annual income to 70,000 yuan (\$10,700), considerably more than the 40,000 yuan (\$6,170) they would have earned from selling their livestock, the paper said.

kilometers) west of Gauhati, the capital of Assam state. Local villagers were the first to arrive on the scene and they pulled out 26 bodies. Six people were rescued and are at a local hospital.

Suicide blasts in normally calm Afghan city kill 5

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—A suicide bomber blew up an explosives-packed car at the gates of an Italian military base Monday in one of two attacks on the relatively secure western city of Herat, killing at least five Afghans in a major commercial center slated to be handed over by NATO to Afghan control in July. The bombings claimed by the Taliban were the second major attack in three days as insurgents expand their targets outside the southern and eastern theaters that were the focus of American offensives last winter. In other violence around Afghanistan, four NATO service members were killed Monday.

boats were intercepted in Philippine waters. National police spokesman Agrimero Cruz said police, navy and marine patrols found the fishing boats Monday in waters off western Palawan province's Balabac township. He says the vessels have been temporarily anchored as the 122 fishermen undergo further investigation. It was not immediately clear if fish or catch have been found in the vessels.

26 dead as bus plunges into pond in India

GAUHATI, India (AP)—A bus carrying a wedding party plunged into a large pond in India's remote northeast, killing at least 26 people, an official said Tuesday. The bus was crossing a wooden bridge over the pond when it gave way and fell more than 15 feet (4.5 meters) into the water below, local magistrate S.K. Roy said. The accident took place late Monday night near a village called Hajo, about 25 miles (40

ASIAN BRIEFS

2 workers may have exceeded Japan radiation limit

TOKYO (AP)—Two workers at Japan's crippled nuclear plant might have exceeded a radiation exposure limit amid concerns about the risks the workers face struggling to contain the crisis. The two control room operators are being tested further and don't have immediate health problems, Tokyo Electric Power Co. said Monday. If confirmed, they would be the first men to reach the government-set limit. TEPCO has been criticized for not fully disclosing the extent of radiation exposures by the plant workers or their working conditions, raising suspicion they may not be closely monitored or informed of potential risks.

Philippines detains 122 Vietnamese fishermen

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Authorities in the Philippines say 122 Vietnamese fishermen are being held after seven

World

South African president: Gadhafi ready for truce

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—Moammar Gadhafi is ready for a truce to stop the fighting in his country, visiting South African president said Monday after meeting the Libyan ruler, but he listed familiar Gadhafi conditions that have scuttled previous cease-fire efforts.

The South African president. Jacob Zuma, said Gadhafi is ready to accept an African Union initiative for a cease-fire that would stop all hostilities, including NATO airstrikes in support of rebel forces. "He is ready to implement the road map," Zuma said.

Zuma said Gadhafi insists that "all Libyan be given a chance to talk among themselves" to determine the country's future. He did not say Gadhafi is ready to step down, which is the central demand of the rebels. He was speaking to reporters from

South African and Libyan TV, which broadcast his remarks late Monday.

In April, Zuma led a delegation of the African Union to Tripoli with an African Union proposal for a truce. Gadhafi said he would accept the truce but quickly ignored it and resumed his attacks, while the rebels rejected the cease-fire out of hand because it did not include Gadhafi's exit from power. Since then many cease-fire efforts have failed for similar reasons.

In Benghazi, the de facto rebel capital, rebel Foreign Minister Fathi Baja told The Associated Press he believes Zuma is in Tripoli to negotiate an exit strategy for Gadhafi, though Zuma's office denies that.

Baja said, "I think Gadhafi is in big trouble, the balance of power has changed completely

militarily, the circle around him is deserting him ... even Russia is asking him to leave." Baja said the rebels would launch an offensive against Gadhafi soon.

For decades Gadhafi has identified Libya as an African as much as an Arab nation. He disbursed millions of dollars in aid to African nations and built himself up as a leader of the continent.

Zuma was greeted with all the requisite fanfare by Gadhafi's beleaguered regime. Dozens of Gadhafi supporters, bused in for the welcoming, waved green Libyan flags and chanted slogans denouncing the NATO bombing campaign against Libyan government targets.

NATO temporarily lifted its no-fly zone over Libya to allow Zuma's South African air force plane to land at the main military air base next to Tripoli.

Yemen warplanes bomb Islamists who seized town

SANAA, Yemen (AP)—Yemeni forces opened fire on a protest camp and killed more than 20 demonstrators Monday in the southern city of Taiz while government warplanes launched airstrikes on another southern town seized by radical Islamists.

The new attempts to suppress the uprising against President Ali Abdullah Saleh with overwhelming force, following a weekend when high-level military defectors formed a united front in support of the protesters, all pointed to the longtime leader's increasingly tenuous grip on power.

Early Tuesday, residents said multiple explosions were heard in several parts of Sanaa, apparently from heavy weapons and shells. They said clashes were in progress in the capital. There were no immediate details of who was fighting or whether there were casualties.

More than three months of mass street protests have

posed an unprecedented threat to Saleh's 33-year rule, splintering his security forces and battering the country's already frail economy. The U.S. has moved away from it formerly despite fears that his fall could leave room in this rugged corner of the Arabian Peninsula for an active al-Qaida franchise or other militant Islamist groups to take power.

Saleh has responded to protesters who say they seek democratic reforms with a mix of promised concessions and bloody crackdowns, such as Monday's attack in the city of Taiz that left at least 20 protesters dead. He has also long raised the specter of an Islamist takeover of Yemen to solicit international funds and rebuff calls that he stand down.

Yemen's weakly governed provinces are known as a haven for al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, one of the group's most active branches, and other Islamic militant groups like the

one that overran the southern town of Zinjibar last week.

Government jets bombed the town's outskirts Monday, the loud booms sending up columns of smoke, resident Ali Dahmis said by phone. He said the army was targeting residential areas.

The airstrikes were the government's hardest hit yet against the Islamists since hundreds of them streamed in Friday, seizing banks and government buildings. Military units battled them overnight and into Monday.

"The sound of explosions and bullets are rattling the city," resident Waleed Mokbal said. "The exchange of gunfire is nonstop."

The death toll since Saturday rose to 34, a medic at al-Razi hospital said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not permitted to talk to journalists. He said the dead included militants, civilians and soldiers. Militants shot dead four soldiers Monday after stopping them at a checkpoint outside the city, the medic said.

Armed residents put up resistance to Syrian army

BEIRUT (AP)—Residents used automatic rifles and rocket-propelled grenades to repel advancing government troops in central Syria on Monday, putting up a fierce fight for the first time in their two-month-old revolt against President Bashar Assad's autocratic regime.

The escalation raised fears the popular uprising may be moving toward a Libya-style armed conflict.

Until now, the opposition against Assad has taken the form of peaceful protests by unarmed demonstrators, though authorities have claimed, without offering solid proof, that it was being led by armed gangs and propelled by

foreign conspiracies.

Activists said residents of the towns of Talbiseh and Rastan, which have been under attack since Sunday in central Homs province, decided to fight back with automatic rifles and rocket-propelled grenades, and at least four civilians were killed.

"They felt that they cannot sit back any more and pray for God to help them," said one Homs resident who has wide connections in the province. He, like all residents contacted by The Associated Press, spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals.

Another two bodies were found early Monday in the area of Bab Amro cemetery, raising the death toll from the two-day

crackdown in the country's turbulent heartland to 15, said the Local Coordination Committees in Syria, which helps organize and document the protests. State media said four soldiers were killed.

"The army is facing armed resistance and is not able to enter the two towns," the Homs resident said. "The army is still outside the towns and I was told that army vehicles, including armored personnel carriers, were set on fire."

A second activist confirmed residents had fought back, but said it involved individual residents protecting themselves, as opposed to an organized armed resistance with an overall command structure.

Focus

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—The skeleton of what will soon be one of the world's biggest nuclear plants is slowly taking shape along China's southeastern coast—right on the doorstep of Hong Kong's bustling metropolis. Three other facilities nearby are up and running or under construction.

Like Japan's Fukushima Dai-ichi plant they lie within a few hundred miles of the type of fault known to unleash the largest tsunami-spawning earthquakes.

Called subduction zones, these happen when one tectonic plate is lodged beneath another. And because the so-called Manila Trench hasn't been the source of a huge quake in at least 440 years, some experts say tremendous stresses are building, increasing the chances of a major rupture.

Should that happen, the four plants in southern China, and a fifth perched on Taiwan's southern tip, could be in the path of a towering wave like the one that struck Fukushima.

"We have to assume they'll be hit," said David Yuen, a University of Minnesota professor who has modeled seismic probabilities for the fault. "Maybe not in the next 10 years, but in 50 or 100 years."

Asia, the world's most seismically charged region, is undergoing a nuclear renaissance as it struggles to harness enough power for its huge populations and booming economies.

But China, Taiwan, India and several other countries frantically building coastal facilities have made little use of new science to determine whether these areas are safe. At least 32 plants in operation or under construction in Asia are at risk of one day being hit by a tsunami, nuclear experts and geologists warn.

And even when nations have conducted appropriate seismic hazard assessments, in many cases they have not shared the findings with the U.N. International Atomic Energy Agency, leaving experts frustrated and in the dark.

"It's pretty astonishing to a lot of us that so little priority is placed on the work we do," said Kerry Sieh of the Earth Observatory of Singapore, who has studied and written about the Manila Trench, where pressure has been building for millions of years.

He is among those who say it is only a matter of time before it snaps.

In assessing the tsunami risks to nuclear power stations, scientists focus on their proximity to subduction faults, volcanoes and areas frequently hit by underwater landslides—all of which can trigger seismic waves. Because giant tsunamis recur, they also look at historic and scientific records, going back up to 4,000 years if possible.

The greatest threat comes from the subduction faults crisscrossing the globe, some far from the minds of policymakers, nuclear industry officials and the public because it has been so long since they exploded.

In places where tectonic plates that form these faults are "coupled," or stuck together, the stresses are the biggest, especially if centuries have passed without a major energy-releasing earthquake.

When the strain eventually forces one plate to pop up or dive under the other, the resulting temblor can spawn mammoth waves like the one that struck off Japan's northeast coast on March 11,

triggering the nuclear crisis that has carried on for more than a month.

While there is some "coupling" at the Manila Trench, there is debate about just how much. Scientists say more research needs to be done to determine if pressure is building and along which segments.

A computerized simulation by Yuen's students shows a magnitude-9.0 quake along the Manila Trench sending waves racing along the South China Sea, before slamming Taiwan's southern shore 15 minutes later. The tsunami reaches China's southeast coast in around two hours. It also strikes Hong Kong, which sits just 30 miles from the nearest nuclear plant—close enough to see increased radiation levels if a plant were to be damaged by a Fukushima-like event.

supply the massive amounts of water needed to keep their reactors from overheating. Even plants perched on hills or cliffs may be in danger because the pipes used to carry up water used for cooling could be damaged in a powerful tsunami.

Japan, which sits atop three highly active tectonic plates with 54 reactors



dotting its coastlines, has probably done the most when it comes to looking back in history.

Even so, Tokyo Electric Power Co., which runs the hobbled Fukushima plant, did not factor geologic evidence of the giant Jogan tsunami of 869 A.D. into its preparedness. When the tsunami

tsunami that killed 230,000 people in a dozen nations.

It also sent waves slamming into a nuclear plant in the southern Indian township of Kalpakkam, the country's center of atomic research, nearly a thousand miles from the quake's epicenter.

Though the reactors automatically shut down and no radioactive material was released, it showed that even facilities far from dangerous faults need to prepare for the worst.

While the near miss in India raised awareness, it did not prompt major changes to the safety design at the Madras Atomic Power Station, said its director, K. Ramamurthy. Last week, however, a top government official said India would revamp the safety features at all its nuclear plants to try to prevent a Japan-style crisis.

three of the island's nuclear plants and a fourth under construction. His findings will be used to help redesign the facilities or raise their seawalls, if necessary.

His studies indicate two plates that form the subduction zone are pushing against each other at a relatively fast 8.7 centimeters (3.4 inches) per year, forcing extreme amounts of energy to build up. A fault slip from the two plates would be up to 38 meters, comparable to what occurred during the 1960 magnitude-9.5 Chile earthquake, the largest on record. By comparison, the slips in Indonesia and Japan were estimated at around 20 meters. The greater the slip, the more water is heaved up to create bigger tsunami waves.

It's not yet clear, however, if the Japan disaster was a wake-up call for energy-starved China, which has the world's most ambitious nuclear power expansion.

China's nuclear regulators declined to answer questions submitted by The Associated Press, but have said in the past that plants along their southeastern coast have been fitted with the most modern technology and are able to withstand huge storm surges from typhoons, which hit with far less force than tsunamis.

As for the likelihood of a mammoth tsunami, Li Zhong-Cheng of the National Energy Center told the state-run China Daily newspaper after last March's disaster that coastal areas are protected by a wide, shallow continental shelf that is not conducive to the formation of big seismically triggered waves.

Other scientists say there isn't enough research to make such a declaration.

Some historical records, though inconsistent, indicate a 30-foot (10-meter) tsunami in 1782 from the South China Sea killed as many as 40,000 people after hitting southern Taiwan. Records also point to a 27-foot wave in 1765 that swept as many as 10,000 people out to sea in the same province where the Chinese plants are located.

But experts say China needs to look much further back in time.

Unlike Japan, sand deposit studies have just begun there and have not yet yielded evidence of ancient tsunamis. More research is needed along the coast and in the Philippines—which would have been within reach of the same waves.

If that data, along with predictions about future earthquake-spawned tsunamis are not taken into account, some fear disaster could strike again some day.

Plants in the Mediterranean and along the Atlantic and Persian Gulf also need to be prepared.

The only candidate for a large tsunami in the continental U.S. is the Cascadian subduction zone, more than 200 miles off the West coast. Experts say neither the Diablo Canyon nor San Onofre stations in California are considered in the path of destruction, though they may still be vulnerable to local tsunamis generated by other faults or submarine landslides. Both have recently promised to carry out more advanced seismic testing to guarantee safety.

"What happened in Japan was not a surprise," said Godoy, who remains an IAEA consultant and has spent much of the past 20 years warning governments to prepare for worst-case scenarios. "Maybe now they'll wake up, listen and act."



In this May 27, 2011 photo released by the International Atomic Energy Agency, or IAEA, IAEA fact-finding team leader Mike Weightman inspects Reactor Unit 3 at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant in Okuma, Fukushima prefecture, northern Japan. AP

Scientists paint a worst-case scenario in which waves 15 to 24 feet high (5 to 8 meters) could strike the plants in China and Taiwan.

Science has come a long way since the first nuclear plant was built in the 1950s.

By carbon dating the ash, pollen or other organic material attached to tsunami sand deposits swept inland with the giant walls of water, geologists can determine to the decade, and sometimes even the year, when the wave hit and how big it was when it roared ashore.

That's important because some tsunamis only strike once a millennium.

"This is the smoking gun, the calling card of the tsunami, and when you find it, especially far inland, you know that this is an area that has been hit with a large tsunami in the past," said Bruce Jaffe, an oceanographer and tsunami expert at the U.S. Geological Survey.

Such research is considered essential in deciding where to locate nuclear power stations because most are built along seashores, rivers and lakes to

hit last month, it unleashed waves up to 42 feet (14 meters) high, swamping the backup generators needed for cooling.

The same region was also walloped twice before, once around 140 B.C. and again sometime between 600 B.C. and 900 B.C., scientific studies revealed.

Experts hope Japan has taught the world an important lesson: When it comes to nuclear safety, it's essential to imagine the unimaginable. Looking back 50 years, or even 500, is not enough.

"When you're talking about radioactivity and possibilities of explosions ... you have to look at what is within the realm of possibility," said Jody Bourgeois, a tsunami expert at the University of Washington who was doing research in Japan when the disaster struck. "You should be building it with factors of safety for the maximum possible events."

It's not the first time a tsunami has threatened nuclear reactors.

The 2004 earthquake off Indonesia's subduction fault spawned the monster

The Madras plant is among the scores that have yet to ask the IAEA for an independent review to determine if their tsunami preparedness assessments meet international standards.

The same holds for Pakistan, which built a plant along a coastline near Karachi that was hit by a tsunami in 1945, as well as for China, Taiwan and the U.S.

Though the reports aren't mandatory, Antonio Godoy, the IAEA's recently retired top seismic safety expert, said many countries have held up efforts to build a comprehensive database identifying the plants vulnerable to tsunamis based on such reviews.

The Fukushima crisis does seem to have jolted some governments into action.

Tsunami expert Tso-Ren Wu of Taiwan's National Central University, warns that "we are long overdue" for a similar quake on the Manila Trench. He was recently commissioned by Taiwan to model worst-case scenarios for all

Campus Life

Montessori expert updates teacher skills at Brilliant Star

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An expert on Montessori education was on Saipan for a week to conduct classroom observations and improve instruction techniques of teachers at Brilliant Star Montessori School.

Nancy Lechner-Wallner, who has been working with young children since 1977 and holds several credentials from the Association Montessori Internationale founded by Dr. Maria Montessori, was on island from May 9 to 15.

Lechner-Wallner has presented parent workshops and staff development all over the world and is presently assisting in the AMI Assistant to Infancy course at the Montessori Institute of the Northwest in Portland Oregon and on Parenting and Special Education workshops and lectures.

Richard Sikkel, principal at Brilliant Star Montessori School on Navy Hill, said Lechner-Wallner conducted classroom observations and provided one-on-one instruction techniques to maximize student achievement through the use of Montessori pedagogy.

"Since Brilliant Star is the only Montessori school on Saipan, it is extremely valuable to have a Montessori-trained and objective observer point out routines we inevitably slip into, to introduce fresh ideas, and to validate what we do every day," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Sikkel said that after the first two



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Brilliant Star Montessori School staff members learn about *Journey & Discovery* during the training conducted by Nancy Lechner-Wallner (not in photo) from May 9 to 15. Lechner-Wallner has credentials from Association Montessori Internationale.

days of observation, Lechner-Wallner informed him how fortunate they were to have "an extremely high quality of Montessori education" in their school.

"You have beautiful, spacious, and very well equipped classrooms. The children are calm, respectful of each other and the materials. It's the end of

the year, and children are still engaged in a wide variety of activities," said the Montessori observer.

According to Sikkel, Lechner-Wallner introduced "*Journey and Discovery*" to teachers and management to address questions and misconceptions of people who have different educa-

tional experience about the Montessori education.

"*Journey & Discovery* aims to answer questions people might have about Montessori while offering a comprehensive look at Montessori education at all levels," he explained.

Sikkel said the *Journey & Discovery*

consists of three parts. It starts with a journey through the classrooms, "a silent observation of the environments" that spans the entire Montessori curriculum from toddler to elementary.

"Observation is part of the first period of the three period lesson which is the cornerstone of Montessori's educational approach," said Sikkel as he explained how children are "masters of observation" as they are able to absorb an entire culture at the age of two.

The second part, Sikkel said, involves active, hands-on experience and exploration and entails actively manipulating the materials in the classroom.

Sikkel said the last part is "the abstraction of the experience" or the verbalization of its meaning and having the opportunity to talk with teachers of all levels about what happens in the classrooms each day.

According to Sikkel, children go through these three steps with concepts presented to them. "This process of discovery never ends. It is an attitude of life," he said.

Sikkel also said that Lechner-Wallner's positive energy became a source of motivation and excitement to teachers at Brilliant Star Montessori School.

"Brilliant Star is planning to start offering *Journey & Discovery* to interested educators and community members at the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year," he added.

For more information, contact Brilliant Star Montessori School at 323-7827 or 28.

PSS rocks at Hard Rock Café



Excited Youth Advisory Panel members from the Dr. Rita H. Inos Junior High School wait patiently in line.



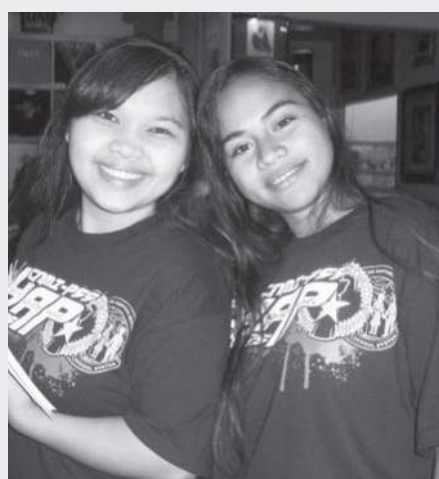
Rota High School's Youth Advisory Panel members before the show.



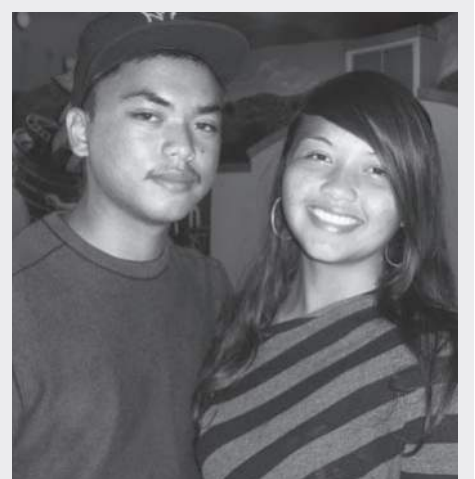
Kagman High School poets pose for the camera before performing their poetry on stage.



Rota High School YAP member Mark Guiwan, left, and Saipan Southern High School student and Youth Congress speaker Shelane Borja mug for the camera before the show.



Hopwood Junior High School Troops to Teachers and YAP advisers Arayanee Maraita and Clarissa Mobel smile for the camera.



Rota High School's Anton Salazar and Tinian High School's Mary Hocog pose for a picture.

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Life & Style

Hackers post phony Tupac story on PBS website

WASHINGTON (AP)—PBS officials say hackers have cracked the network's website, posting a phony story claiming dead rapper Tupac Shakur was alive in New Zealand, and a group that claimed responsibility for the hacking complained about a recent "Frontline" investigative news program on WikiLeaks.

PBS confirmed Monday that the website had been hacked. The phony story had been taken down as of Monday morning. It had been posted on the site of the "PBS NewsHour" program, which is produced by WETA-TV in Arlington, Va.

TV in Arlington, Va.

Anne Bentley, PBS' vice president of corporate communications, said in an email that erroneous information posted on the website has been corrected. The hackers also posted login information for two internal PBS sites: one that media use to access the PBS press room and an internal communications website for stations, she said. She said all affected parties were being notified.

David Fanning, executive producer of "Frontline," said he learned of the hacking early Monday, nearly a week after

the program aired its "WikiSecrets" documentary about the leak of U.S. diplomatic cables to the WikiLeaks website. The documentary, produced by WGBH-TV in Boston, generated criticism and debate on the program's website in recent days from those sympathetic to WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange and from those who thought the program was fair, Fanning said.

"Frontline" producers hear impassioned responses all the time, Fanning said. Having a group attack the PBS website over a news program was un-

usual but "probably not unexpected," he said.

"From our point of view, we just see it as a disappointing and irresponsible act, especially since we have been very open to publishing criticism of the film ... and the film included other points of view," Fanning said. "This kind of action is irresponsible and chilling."

A tweet from the "NewsHour" Twitter account said: "If you missed it: our site has been accessed by hackers. Thanks for staying with us."

A group calling itself LulzSec and "The Lulz Boat" on Twitter

claimed responsibility and posted links to other hacks, including a video apparently taunting the network. Taunting messages were also posted on the group's Twitter page targeting the PBS program "Frontline." One message said the group recently saw the "WikiSecrets" show and was "less than impressed."

The timing of the hacking was provocative: Sunday marked the one-year anniversary of the detention of Army Pfc. Bradley Manning, who's accused of passing thousands of classified documents to WikiLeaks.

PBS ombudsman Michael

Getler wrote about the "WikiSecrets" documentary in his weekly column Thursday, saying it had generated only a handful of complaints, though he had expected more mail from viewers.

"This may be a good thing for Frontline if it suggests that most viewers found the program to be in keeping with Frontline's reputation for fair yet tough reporting," Getler wrote.

Getler raised some questions about the reporting in the program but said he found the questioning by interviewer Martin Smith to be "tough but proper."

Blanchett, other prominent Aussies back carbon tax

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Actress Cate Blanchett and former conservative Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser are among prominent Australians who threw their support Monday behind the unpopular government plan to tax major polluters for the carbon gas they emit.

Blanchett and Fraser were among 140 personalities and organizations who signed a petition distributed to federal lawmakers supporting the center-left government's plan to make polluters pay for every ton of carbon gas they produce in a bid to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The petition—whose signatories also include a Roman Catholic bishop and a Nobel Laureate scientist—is part of a \$1 million national newspaper



In this image made from an undated video footage provided by the World Wildlife Fund, actress Cate Blanchett appears in a television ad to support a proposed carbon tax.

and television advertising campaign funded by environmental groups and unionists.

The conservative opposition Liberal Party is opposed to making polluters pay. The governing

Labor Party wants to tax polluters starting in July 2012, and is locked in negotiations with the minor Greens party and independent lawmakers on how much the tax should be on a ton of carbon.

Opinion polls show that both the tax and Labor are unpopular with voters.

John Hewson, an economist and a former Liberal Party leader who signed the petition, said Australian business leaders were not signatories because they are historically slow to respond to economic challenges.

"The business community's starting to come on board," Hewson told reporters at Parliament House.

"It's a pity they're not leading this debate. Unfortunately, as on many occasions in the past,

they come, but they come late," he said.

The Business Council of Australia, a leading business lobby, has called for the tax to be set at 10 Australian dollars (\$10.69) per metric ton (1.1 tons), while the Greens want the tax to be four times higher. The government has said it will set the price by July.

Liberal Leader Tony Abbott called the proposal a "toxic tax" that businesses increasingly oppose.

Prime Minister Julia Gillard has said her government would meet its target of slashing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions

to at least 5 percent below 2000 levels by the year 2020.

Australia is one of the world's worst greenhouse gas emitters per capita because of its heavy reliance on abundant reserves of cheap coal for power generation.

Blanchett's participation in the advertising campaign has been criticized, but the Oscar winner says people are entitled to their opinions and she's not deterred.

"Everyone will benefit if we protect the environment. There is a societal cost of increased pollution, and that's what I'm passionate about as a mother," Blanchett, a mother of three boys, told The Sydney Morning Herald.

CELEBRITY EXTRA

By CINDY ELAVSKY
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Q: I have seen previews for a new movie called "Meet Monica Velour," and I couldn't believe that the main character was the usually glamorous Kim Cattrall! She looked like a completely different person. Why did she decide to take it on?—Trina R., via email

A: I talked with Kim recently and asked her what most appealed to her about the role. Kim said she was attracted to the part of Monica Velour because it was so against-type for her. "It was an uncompromising, multidimensional role, and not a hooker with a heart of gold, which I was just so sick of," she said. "Where do these women go when they are done, and they're not so pretty anymore and not so perky? The same thing happens in Hollywood. It's just a bigger version, a dramatized version, of what happens to women—not just in show business, but many businesses. "This woman is in the gutter, and I wanted to get inside of that, because I always play such a strong,

powerful woman. What about a woman who doesn't have any of those choices or any of those opportunities? Where does she go? I've never been given a role like that. Until now, I had never fought for a role like that."

Q: Will "Blue Bloods" on CBS be back for a second season? I really hope so, because it's one of my favorite shows of the season.—George F., Sacramento

A: The Tom Selleck-starring police drama will be back for a second season on CBS this fall. In fact, you can see the entire CBS line-up, as well as many other networks' shows, at celebrityextraonline.com. Just click "Fall 2011 Network Line-Ups" for the scoop on the new and renewed shows that will be back this fall.

Q: I can't wait for the new "X-Men" movie to come out this summer. What can you tell me about it?—Frank S., Atlanta

A: I spoke with "X-Men: First Class" star (and "Twilight" alumnus) Edi Gathegi about the movie, and this is what he revealed:



Gathegi

makes the best kind of action movie. We've got a fiercely talented cast.

"Kevin Bacon: He's Hollywood royalty. He's a brilliant actor and the nicest guy. He's the most noncelebrity celebrity you'll ever meet. And then James McAvoy, he's just got crazy skill. We did a read-through on one of the first days, and I was just in awe of him. Michael Fassbender is a real actor—he's a man's man; he's got a lot of talent."

Q: Is it true that Gwyneth Paltrow is pursuing a music career?—Barbara W., via email


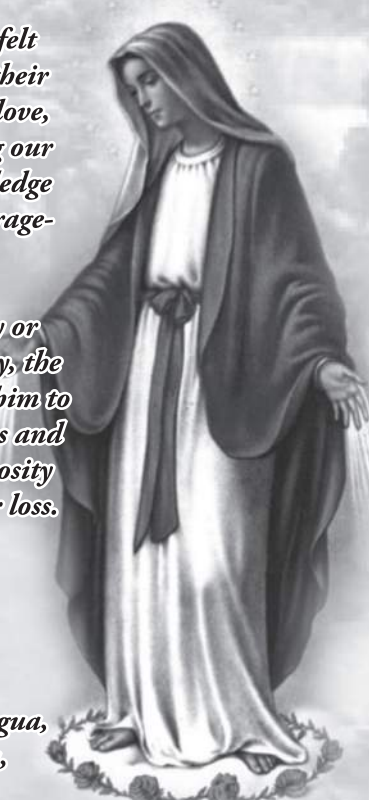
A: Since her roles in "Country Strong" and "Glee," Gwyneth certainly has been veering in that direction. Her representative told the New York Post, "[Gwyneth] still has not decided if she wants to record an album...[it] is still something she is considering."

In Humble Gratitude

We, the family of our beloved

Aurea "Nan Aring"

Arriola Borja

Wish to express our sincerest and most heartfelt appreciation to our relatives and friends for their compassion, comfort and thoughtful prayers, love, sympathy and considerate acts of grace during our most difficult moment of sorrow. We acknowledge your kindness and comforting words of encouragement and graceful support.

And to All who have supported us in one way or another, for your presence at the nightly rosary, the Eucharistic Celebration of his life and placing him to rest and most especially for our offering of mass and prayers. The many acts of kindness and generosity gave us the strength and courage to endure our loss.

We will remember you in our prayers.

Thank you, si Yu'us Ma'ase, Ghilissow & Salamat Po

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Who benefits most from weight-loss TV shows?

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Despite all the “Biggest Loser”-type shows on TV, all the pounds shed by their contestants and all the weight-loss products purchased by viewers, America continues to be the Biggest Gainer.

At least 10 weight-loss shows are airing these days, and on “The Biggest Loser” alone, this season’s three top finalists dropped a combined 365 pounds. Yet the rest of us are just getting chubbier, with obesity rates in the United States now the highest of any industrialized nation. In fact, more people are obese today than when “Loser” premiered in 2004.

So why aren’t these reality shows helping in the fat fight?

JD Roth, executive producer of “Extreme Makeover: Weight Loss Edition,” thinks they actually are.

“The first step to changing some systemic problem in society is awareness and I think (weight) awareness is at an all-time high,” says the 43-year-old producer, who is also behind “Biggest Loser.”

Dr. Terry Schaack, medical director of the California Health & Longevity Institute, where “Extreme Makeover: Weight Loss” participants do an introductory “boot camp,” says there can be a long delay between awareness and action.

“You will see nothing in national figures for probably eight to 10 years after a dramatic incident occurs,” he says. “The U.S. Surgeon General went out and told people to quit smoking, I believe it was in ‘67. A hoard of people quit smoking, and the incidence of heart disease went down 15 or 20 years later. It takes that long.”

In the meantime, in addi-



In this May 23, 2011 photo, Tim Coyne of Culver City, Calif., lifts a kettle bell before his workout on the Santa Monica Steps, in Santa Monica, Calif. AP

tion to “The Biggest Loser,” an ample array of weight-loss shows should offer plenty of inspiration to Americans trying to slim down:

The CW’s “Shedding for the Wedding” features overweight couples competing in weight-loss challenges to earn elements of their dream wedding. Oxygen’s “Dance You’re A (asterisk) (asterisk) Off” scores plus-sized participants on their dance abilities and pounds lost. Lifetime’s “DietTribe” tracked the weight-loss progress of five real women over four months of intense diet and exercise. The Style Network has “Ruby,” a series that follows its morbidly obese

namesake star on her journey to regain her health. There’s also MTV’s “I Used to Be Fat,” Discovery’s “One Big Happy Family” and “A&E’s ‘Heavy.’”

Two more weight-related series premiere this week: Lifetime’s “Love Handles,” featuring overweight couples working to heal their relationships as they shed pounds; and ABC’s new “Extreme Makeover: Weight Loss Edition,” which follows one super-obese subject each week and tracks that person’s weight-loss progress over one year during each hour-long episode.

Yet even as the number of weight-loss shows continues

to expand, so does the nation’s waistline. More than 72 million Americans are considered obese and millions more are overweight.

Still, the health and fitness industry continues to flourish: Dietary Supplements bring in \$26.9 billion annually, health clubs generate \$24.8 billion a year, weight-loss centers take in \$3.9 billion in revenue annually—and all are poised to grow. But industry-watchers say this has nothing to do with weight-related reality shows.

“Fitness shows are not driving the trends in fitness, but more grabbing onto the coattails of the success of the fitness in-

dustry,” says Taylor Hamilton, an analyst with IBIS World. He attributes the growth in gym locations and memberships to an increased overall emphasis on fitness nationwide.

Shaack and dietician Paulette Lambert, who is featured on “Extreme Makeover: Weight Loss Edition,” say they wish these shows offered more “teachable moments” for viewers. The format of “Makeover” lends itself to such moments, they say, since it isn’t a competition such as “Biggest Loser.”

Each “Makeover” episode follows only one person, and they aren’t taken away to a ranch: The super-obese sub-

jects aim to shed about half their body weight in a year through diet and exercise while still living at home.

“You’ve got to prove you can do it on your own, in the same environment that got you fat,” Roth says. “The stakes are real. The stakes are life. It’s not a million dollars or some contrived prize.”

“Makeover” participants first spend a week at the California Health & Longevity Institute, a state-of-the-art facility that blends medical support with cooking classes, fitness training, healing arts such as hypnosis and spa treatments. They’re led by Chris Powell, an Arizona-based trainer best known for helping 650-pound David Smith drop more than 400 pounds naturally.

His main focus with clients? Overcoming past emotional trauma and rebuilding their personal integrity and sense of self-worth.

“Until that, it’s just weight loss that’s being forced,” says the 33-year-old Powell. “Until they deal with those emotions, it will never stick.”

The subjects are shown facing setbacks and the emotional roadblocks that contribute to their dangerously overweight condition. After building trust one on one, Powell persuades participants to bare their souls on camera, telling them, “There are so many people that are suffering just like you.”

Roth says he created “Biggest Loser” because he is fascinated with human transformation, and he created “Makeover” to help those who are too heavy to qualify for “Loser.”

“My focus is to tell their story and to help them change their life,” Roth says. “If they change their life, the audience watches and the ratings are high.”

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Hollywood has hustled up a hangover for the record books.

“The Hangover Part II” set a new high for comedy debuts with \$105.8 million over the long Memorial Day weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The blockbuster sequel also led Hollywood to a new revenue record of around \$280 million for the holiday weekend, according to box-office tracker Hollywood.com.

That surpassed the previous record of \$254.6 million in 2007. But factoring in today’s higher admission prices, more tickets were sold over the Memorial Day holiday that year than this past weekend.

“The Hangover Part II” raised its domestic haul to \$137.4 million since opening Thursday, nearly half the business the 2009 original movie did over its entire run. The sequel has added \$60.3 million more in 40 countries overseas.

“If you can enjoy a hangover, this is one to enjoy,” said Dan Fellman, head of distribution for Warner Bros., which releases “The Hangover” flicks.

‘Hangover’ lingers with record \$105.8M weekend

“People love these characters. They can do no wrong.”

The movie reunites stars Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms and Zach Galifianakis as they awake in another haze and attempt to piece together the mayhem of their drunken night in Bangkok.

Opening at No. 2 behind “The Hangover Part II” was another sequel, DreamWorks Animation’s “Kung Fu Panda 2,” with \$62.2 million.

The first “Kung Fu Panda” did almost the same business in just a normal three-day weekend, but DreamWorks hits tend to have a long shelf life at the box office.

“There’s no other animation for four weeks. We think we’ve got a lot of good play time still ahead,” said Anne Globe, head of marketing for DreamWorks Animation.

“Kung Fu Panda 2” has pulled in \$68 million domestically since its Thursday debut and added \$57 million more in 11 overseas markets, including \$18.5 million in China.

The animated sequel again

pairs voice stars Jack Black and Angelina Jolie as the menagerie of martial-arts heroes takes on a villain aiming to conquer ancient China using gunpowder and cannons.

Slipping from first-place to third in its second weekend was Johnny Depp’s “Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides,” which took in \$50.4 million.

The Disney release lifted its domestic booty to \$164 million. The “Pirates” sequel remained No. 1 overseas with \$137.1 million from Friday to Monday, raising its worldwide total to \$649.1 million.

Hollywood’s \$280 million haul for the four-day weekend was a huge leap above last year’s Memorial Day holiday, when “Shrek Forever After” led with \$57.1 million. Business was up 45 percent from the lackluster 2010 holiday weekend, when revenues came in at just \$192.5 million.

In barely a month, Hollywood has hurtled out of a box-office slide that lingered all winter,

when revenues were down as much as 23 percent compared to the previous year’s.

“Hollywood is back with a vengeance,” said Hollywood.com analyst Paul Dergarabedian. “We always knew there were big movies on the horizon coming to save the day, and it looks like that’s what’s happening so far this summer.”

Revenues still are down 8.3 percent compared to 2010’s, but studio executives expect to erase that deficit with an upcoming summer lineup that includes “Harry Potter,” “Transformers” and “Cars” sequels.

“Every week, you’ve got another monster movie,” Fellman said. “Give us another month, and we’ll be ahead of last year.”

“The Hangover Part II” took in more cash than the previous record-holder for a four-day comedy debut, “Bruce Almighty,” which grossed \$85.7 million over Memorial Day weekend in 2003. Accounting for inflation, however, “Bruce Almighty” sold more tickets.

In limited release, Woody Allen’s romance “Midnight in Paris” is positioned to become one of his biggest hits, breaking into the top 10 as it expanded to more theaters in its second weekend.

The Sony Pictures Classics release came in at No. 7 with \$2.6 million in just 58 theaters, averaging a whopping \$45,081 a cinema. That compares to a \$29,257 average in 3,615 theaters for “The Hangover Part II.”

The film stars Owen Wilson as a contemporary writer who gets a lesson about romanticizing the past as he gets a chance to meet some of his idols in 1920s Paris.

Director Terrence Malick’s sprawling drama “The Tree of Life,” featuring Bard Pitt, Sean Penn and Jessica Chastain, had a colossal opening in just four theaters in New York City and Los Angeles.

The Fox Searchlight film took in \$488,920 for an average of \$122,230 a theater.

Expanding to more theaters

gradually through July 1, “The Tree of Life” chronicles an intimate family story told in a collage of impressionistic images and exchanges, intercut with grand scenes of the creation of the cosmos and the age of dinosaurs.

The film won the top prize at the Cannes Film Festival just days before its Friday opening.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Monday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Hollywood.com. Final figures will be released Tuesday.

1. “The Hangover Part II,” \$105.8 million.
2. “Kung Fu Panda 2,” \$62.2 million.
3. “Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides,” \$50.4 million.
4. “Bridesmaids,” \$21 million.
5. “Thor,” \$12 million.
6. “Fast Five,” \$8.2 million.
7. “Midnight in Paris,” \$2.6 million.
8. “Rio,” \$2.4 million.
9. “Jumping the Broom,” \$2.35 million.
10. “Something Borrowed,” \$2.3 million.

Sean Kingston moved to ICU after watercraft crash

MIAMI (AP)—Hip-hop singer Sean Kingston has been stabilized and moved to the intensive care unit at a hospital after crashing his watercraft into a Miami Beach bridge, his publicist said Monday.

The publicist, Joseph Carozza, said Kingston's family is grateful for everyone's prayers and support.

Kingston and a female passenger were injured when the watercraft hit the Palm Island Bridge around 6 p.m. Sunday, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission spokesman Jorge Pino said.

The Miami Herald reports that a passing boater saw the accident and took the two on



Kingston

board his vessel.

Both were hospitalized early Monday at Ryder Trauma Center, but Pino said he didn't know their conditions.

Authorities are investigating the crash, and "nothing at this point would indicate that alcohol played a role," Pino said.

Kingston rose to fame with his 2007 hit "Beautiful Girls" and was also featured on songs by artists including Justin Bieber. His self-titled debut album sold over 1 million copies worldwide.

On Twitter, Bieber posted a message of support for Kingston.

"Got my friend Sean Kingston in my prayers tonight," Bieber tweeted early Monday. "A true friend and big bro. Please keep him in your prayers tonight as well."

A number of hip-hop musicians were in Miami Beach

over the weekend for Urban Beach Week.

In a 2007 interview with The Associated Press, Kingston described his music as a fusion of reggae, pop, rap and R&B.

"It's Sean Kingston genre. I have my own genre," Kingston told the AP at the time. "No disrespect to no artist or dudes out there. I feel like I am my own person. I am doing my own thing."

His music has been unique among hip-hop offerings, as Kingston refused to use profanity.

"To put it in my music, that's not the message I am trying to send out," he said in the 2007 interview. "That's not the type of artist I am trying to be."

William, Kate TV movie being shot in Romania

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP)—Barely a month after their fairy-tale wedding, a new film depicting the budding romance of Prince William and Kate Middleton is being rushed out for television viewers.

A mixture of fact and fiction, "William & Kate: A Royal Love Story" is expected to be released in August on the Hallmark Channel.

Director Linda Yellen took some time out from filming at MediaPro Studios in Romania to speak with The Associated Press. The American was also producer of CBS's "The Royal Romance of Charles and Diana" in 1982, a film that had a huge audience at the time.

"William & Kate" is more than a romance—it's also "a psychological story of the memory of the mother, in this case Princess Diana, and her legacy," Yellen said. The film shows how William "has to choose to live his life with her memory and with the decisions he has to make," including the decision of whom to marry.

The couple was married April 29 in a lavish ceremony at Westminster Abbey watched by millions. Filming began in early May and AP Television cameras were given exclusive access to the set.

Yellen, who met Princess Diana three times, called the movie "a very personal story. In a way, it's my tribute to her as well as a tribute to

the young couple."

Yellen, whose father died on the first day of shooting the film, said her loss made her better understand some of the scenes where William communicates with his mother in a spiritual way. She wrote the script in two weeks, after she saw William had given Diana's ring to Middleton.

"The whole story came to me in that moment," she said.

While using real events and words that were told in real life, there are also dialogues she's written and situations she imagined. One such scene depicts William's 21st birthday party, with Kate and William dancing together as Queen Elizabeth II looks on. Guests are dressed in vividly colored African costumes with tables laid for a feast in a large hall with ornate arcades. There are statues of elephants and potted palm trees in the background as Kate and William are having fun—and falling in love.

British actress Alice St. Clair, who plays Middleton, said the film—her first—is a series of snapshots of the relationship between the couple and tracks their developing friendship. She said it shows how William is attracted to Kate, with whom he shares a sense of humor, because she challenges him and is very competitive.

Expecting older mom gets unexpected family reaction

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



DEAR ABBY: I'm a 40-year-old, stay-at-home mom with a 17-year-old and a 14-year-old. Three weeks ago, on my birthday, I found out that I am pregnant. Forty and pregnant—it is truly a miracle. My husband, who is almost 50, is in complete shock.

He has looked like a ghost since he found out. I finally had an emotional meltdown and told him I don't feel like he's very happy for our unexpected bundle. His reply? "Sorry, Hon, I'm not!" He thinks he's too old.

My older child has said only one sentence to me since I told her the news: "You're going to be an old mom." They feel I have ruined their lives. I feel ... happy. How do I get them to warm up to this new addition to the family?

Dear Abby

OLD MAMA IN WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR "OLD" MAMA: According to the 2002 National Survey of Family Growth by the Guttmacher Institute, in 2001, 49 percent of pregnancies in the United States were unintended. Among women aged 15 to 44, the unintended pregnancy rate was 51 per 1,000 women.

So remind your husband that this pregnancy didn't happen "magically"; he was an equal partner. He may have had other plans in mind for the next 20 years than raising another child, so his feelings are understandable. While it would be nice if he felt differently about the latest addition to the family, he might perk up if you point out that there are many older dads these days, and many older moms, too.

As to your daughter's attitude, she will be out of the house and gone soon, so don't take personally that she's not over the moon about the changes that are coming. If you maintain a positive attitude, your enthusiasm will be contagious.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm 53, work in an office six to eight hours a day, and then come home to cook dinner and do household chores.

My husband, "Todd," is 48. He works eight to 10 hours a day and expects sex three to four times a week. I'm exhausted and can't do it anymore!

My best friend, "Mavis," has been a widow for five years. She tells me she's going crazy because she hasn't had sex in all this time. She asked if I'd share Todd just one night a week. Mavis isn't pretty, but she has a very shapely figure. Frankly, I'm ready to agree, but I haven't mentioned it to Todd.

If my husband agrees, it would take a lot of pressure off me and I could sure use the rest. What are your thoughts on this arrangement?

NEEDS A BREAK IN PHOENIX

DEAR NEEDS A BREAK: Please find another way to take a break. What you're contemplating would likely be the beginning of the end of your marriage. You may think you'd be "safe" because Mavis isn't pretty, but to quote Benjamin Franklin, "In the dark, all cats are gray." If you're tired, let Mavis help with the chores—but not this one.

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DEAR ABBY: I wish there was some way to make families understand that because someone has been widowed, we don't stop caring about them. So why do they stop inviting us to family functions? Is it because they didn't care for us in the first place?

LEFT OUT IN IOWA

DEAR LEFT OUT: There isn't a one-size-fits-all answer to your question. However, I suspect that in many cases it's because the widow's presence is a painful reminder of the family member who is "missing."

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'Jersey Shore' star Snooki in Italy fender bender

NEW YORK (AP)—Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi and a fellow "Jersey Shore" cast member have been involved in a minor traffic accident in Italy.

The popular MTV reality show is filming its fourth season in Florence.

The network said in a statement late Monday that two cast members were involved in a crash. The statement said no alcohol was involved and no one was arrested. It provided no further details.

SallyAnn Salsano, executive producer at "Jersey Shore" production company 495, tells The Star-Ledger newspaper that the incident was "just a minor fender bender." She says the show is still filming.

Photos posted on celebrity gossip website TMZ.com show Polizzi and co-star Deena Nicole Cortese, apparently uninjured, sitting on the sidewalk after the crash.

The show's first and third season are set in Seaside Heights, N.J. The second season sent the cast to Miami.

Jill Jackson's Hollywood

By TONY RIZZO
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The search for the new "Lone Ranger" is over. Not long ago we reported that Johnny Depp was set to play Tonto, the trusted companion of the most famous Ranger ever. Now, the title role belongs to Armie Hammer, who played both Winklevoss twins in "The Social Network" and will soon be seen in "Snow White" with Julia Roberts, and Clint Eastwood's "J. Edgar." "The Lone Ranger" began as a radio show in 1933, spawned movie serials and a TV series starring Clayton Moore and Jay Silverheels. A 1981 film version starring Clint Eastwood was a bust. It seems odd that the 47-year-old Depp aspired to be Tonto and not the Lone Ranger, but he's known for his off-beat role choices. Depp and the films' producer, Jerry Bruckheimer, have been very successful with the "Pirates of the Caribbean" movies and could be planning this as a new franchise. Shooting will begin when Depp completes the new "Dark Shadows" movie, set for a fall 2012 release.

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Agatha Christie fans, rejoice! Her favorite novel, "Crooked House," never produced as a telefilm or movie, will start shooting in London this summer. The great Julie Andrews will star with Gemma Atherton, Matthew Goode and Gabriel Byrne. "Crooked House" is budgeted at \$20 million, not a lot for a film these days,



Johnny Depp

but then Agatha Christie was the best at creating one-set drawing room mysteries.

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Kiefer Sutherland, currently starring in "That Championship Season" on Broadway, will soon be shooting in Northern Ireland and New York for the film "Fairytale of New York" with Kate Bosworth as his leading lady. It's about a cynical but charming Irish standup comic who, while in New York, connects with an intriguing American woman. Kiefer's pilot for a new series will have to wait in the wings as a midseason replacement while he completes this film and "Melancholia."

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As we predicted, the four TV networks have moved away from new reality shows in favor of new dramas and sitcoms. While "Charlie's Angels" made the ABC lineup,

"Wonder Woman" did not make NBC's fall schedule. "Law & Order: SVU" was unable to convince Christopher Meloni to return, and has added Jennifer Love Hewett to fill the void. Also, NBC won't restart "30 Rock" until midseason due to Tina Fey's pregnancy. If Tina, who created, writes, co-produces and stars in "30 Rock," wanted time off, all she had to do was ask for it. Maternity leave is an extreme way to get a vacation!

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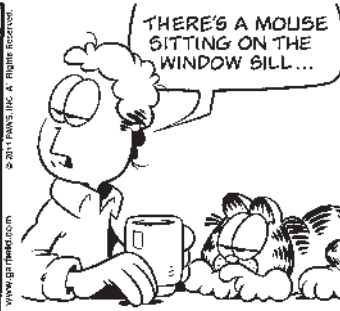
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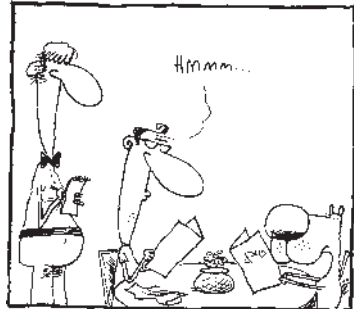


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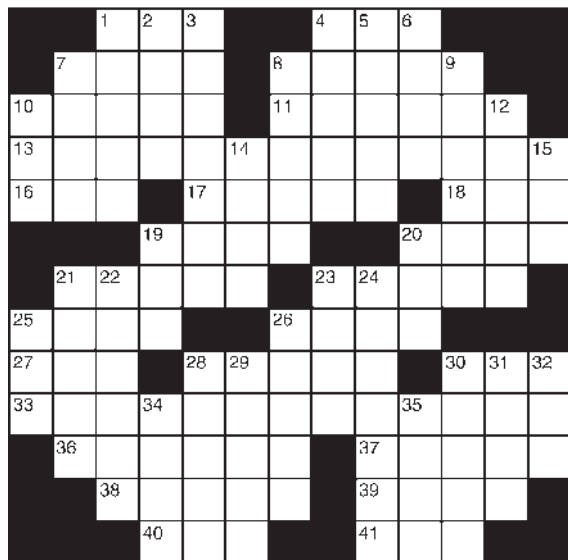
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Happy Birthday: Emotional issues will result in change. You will have to look ahead if you don't want to fall victim to deception and disillusionment, personally and professionally. Consider the big picture before you make a decision. Once you make up your mind, proceed to the finish line. Your numbers are 3, 15, 27, 29, 34, 42, 46

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll be excellent when it comes to making quick and necessary maneuvers. Express what you want from the heart. A little discipline and hard work will bring about the changes you've been looking for. You are on your way to another victory. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't be a couch potato when a little effort has the potential to bring fabulous results. Start working toward your goals. A partnership can be fortified if you put a little pressure on yourself and the person you are involved with to begin the plans for new projects. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll have trouble containing your emotions. Keep busy with creative projects. You need to stimulate your mind and express your desire for change. You can make reforms to your own life or in a group situation that will have a lasting and beneficial effect. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Focus on what you can do for others and you will feel good about who you are and what

you have done. Someone you care about will be a burden but, in the end, your hard work and support will pay off in the results you get. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Less is more, so don't overspend, overdo or overindulge. Altering the way you do things will have a huge, favorable impact on your current situation and your future. Discipline will be required. ★★

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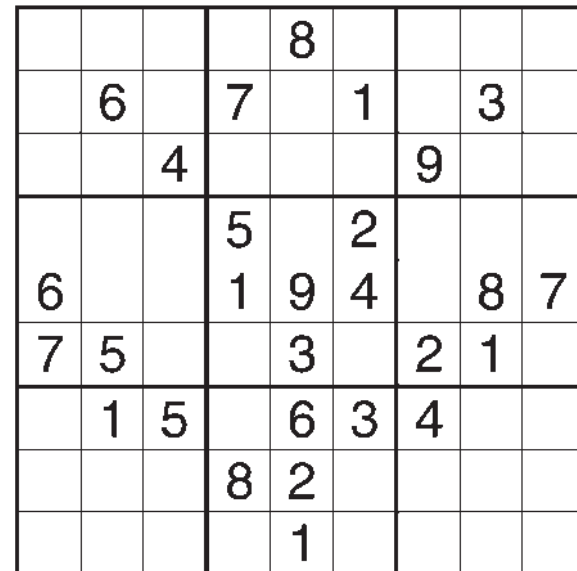
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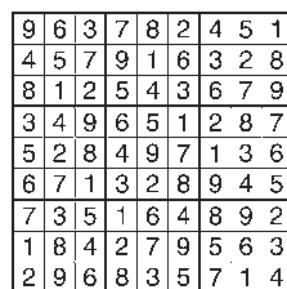
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Jim Tressel steps down as Ohio State football coach



COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—At the bottom of the stunning resignation letter that he

carefully typed in his office on Monday morning, in the last lines above his characteristically neat and clear signature, Ohio State coach Jim Tressel closed with a personal note.

"We know that God has a plan for us and we will be fine," he wrote, referring to himself and his wife, Ellen.

"We will be Buckeyes forever."

But no longer will he be the Buckeyes coach.

Tressel, who guided Ohio State to its first national title in 34 years, resigned Monday amid NCAA violations from a tattoo-parlor scandal that sullied the image of one of the country's top football programs.

He said the ongoing investigations and drumbeat of almost daily, sordid revelations were a "distraction" to the university and that he was stepping down "for the greater good of our school."

Tressel is still scheduled to go before the NCAA's committee on infractions in August for lying to the NCAA and then covering it up—the most egregious of sins for a coach in the eyes of college sports' ruling body. The former coach will join school officials at that meeting.

But Ohio State is not required to pay any buyout or severance to Tressel, who made around \$3.5 million a year.

Ohio State announced that assistant coach Luke Fickell, already tabbed to take over for Tressel during his self-imposed five-game suspension for his violations, will be the Buckeyes coach for the 2011 season. Ohio State will begin looking for a permanent coach who will take over next year.

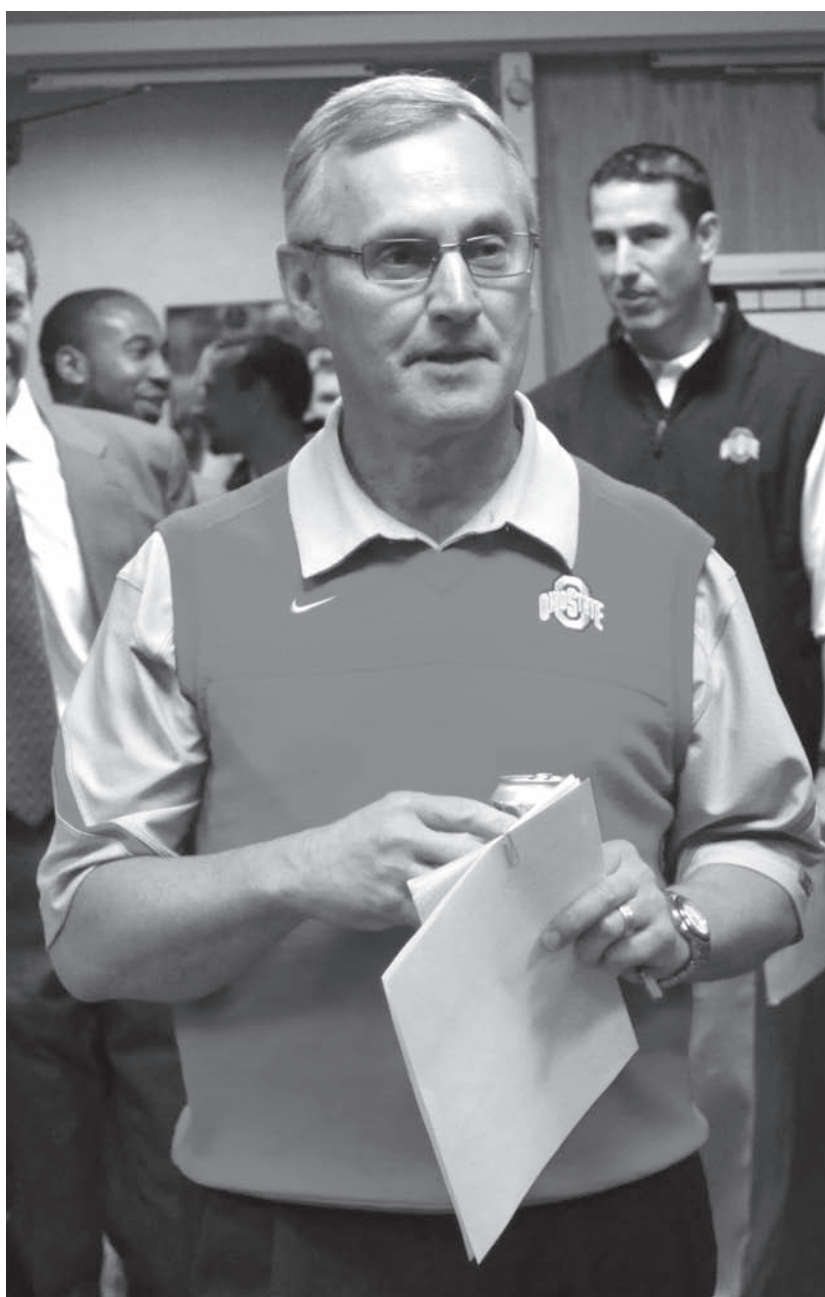
It was a startling fall for a coach who won championships and side-stepped several major NCAA violations through the years. They dated to his days as the ultrasuccessful coach at Youngstown State, where he won four Division I-AA national titles, through a decade as Ohio State's coach, where he posted a 106-22 record.

The abrupt resignation, first reported by The Columbus Dispatch, capped six months of turmoil in the program.

In December, five Ohio State players—including star quarterback Terrelle Pryor—were found to have received cash and discounted tattoos from the owner of a local tattoo parlor who was the subject of a federal drug-trafficking case. All were permitted by the NCAA to play in the Buckeyes' 31-26 victory over Arkansas in the Sugar Bowl, with their suspensions to begin with the first game of the 2011 season.

After the team returned from New Orleans, Ohio State officials began preparing an appeal of the players' sanctions. It was then that investigators found that Tressel had learned in April 2010 about the players' involvement with the parlor owner, Edward Rife.

A local attorney and former Ohio State walk-on player, Christopher Cicero, had sent Tressel emails detailing the improper benefits. Tressel and Cicero traded a dozen emails on the subject.



In a March 30, 2011 file photo, Ohio State football coach Jim Tressel arrives at a news conference in Columbus, Ohio. Ohio State announced Monday, May 30, 2011 that Tressel has resigned as the NCAA investigates the Buckeyes for possible rules violations.

Tressel had signed an NCAA compliance form in September saying he had no knowledge of any wrongdoing by athletes. His contract, in addition to NCAA rules, specified that he had to tell his superiors or compliance department about any potential NCAA rules violations. Yet he did not tell anyone, except to forward emails to Ted Sarniak, reportedly a "mentor" for Pryor back in his hometown of Jeannette, Pa.

Also on Monday, The Columbus Dispatch reported that Pryor is the subject of a "significant" inquiry by the NCAA and Ohio State regarding cars and other improper benefits he may have received.

Later Monday, Sports Illustrated reported that the memorabilia-for-tattoos violations actually stretched back to 2002, Tressel's second season at Ohio State, and involved at least 28 players—22 more than the university has acknowledged. Those numbers include, beyond the six suspended players, an additional nine current players as well as other former players whose alleged wrongdoing might fall within the NCAA's four-year statute of limitations on violations.

After the article's release, athletic director Gene Smith issued a statement.

"During the course of an investigation, the university and the NCAA work jointly to review any new allega-

tions that come to light, and will continue to do so until the conclusion of the investigation," he said. "You should rest assured that these new allegations will be evaluated in exactly this manner. Beyond that, we will have no further comment."

Ohio State called a hurried news conference on March 8, during which it handed Tressel a two-game suspension (later raised to five games), fined him \$250,000, and required him to publicly apologize and attend an NCAA compliance seminar.

Smith and Ohio State President Gordon Gee, though, heaped praise on Tressel and said they were behind him 100 percent. Gee even joked when asked if he had considered firing the coach: "No, are you kidding? Let me just be very clear: I'm just hopeful the coach doesn't dismiss me."

Gee was not joking about the Tressel situation over the weekend. Ohio State released a letter from Gee to the university's board of trustees which said, "As you all know, I appointed a special committee to analyze and provide advice to me regarding issues attendant to our football program. In consultation with the senior leadership of the university and the senior leadership of the board, I have been actively reviewing the matter and have accepted coach Tressel's resignation."

Champions of free agency, Heat seek much bigger win



MIAMI (AP)—LeBron James and Dwyane Wade joked often, smiled easily, answered thoughtfully.

A few minutes later, Dirk Nowitzki bounded up to a podium and offered a big "How we do it!" to the assembled media.

You'd never know only one of them is a "good guy."

Less than a year after solidifying their place as the NBA's villains with their high-profile partnership last summer, James, Wade and the Miami Heat are in the NBA finals against the Dallas Mavericks and Nowitzki, being portrayed as a sort of anti-James for sticking with his home team instead of taking the easy way out and going elsewhere for a better shot at a title.

And if you hated the theatrics of last summer, the light shows, pep rally, and everything else Miami did to celebrate winning the championship of July, better look away. The Heat are just four wins from the first of several titles that many predicted when James bolted Cleveland for South Florida.

The way it happened bothered plenty, but James only cares about the result.

"You know, we've got a lot of flack this year, mostly because of myself. And we've tried to use that as motivation every day we get on the basketball court," James said Monday. "But just play the game of basketball. That's all we can do is play the game of basketball at a high level. Play Miami Heat basketball."

Five years after Wade largely overwhelmed the Mavericks by himself to win the Heat's first championship, the teams arrive at Game 1 of the rematch Tuesday through decidedly different constructions. The Heat essentially sacrificed seasons for salary-cap space, making the playoffs through Wade's greatness but with no realistic chance of winning. But the gamble paid off in July, when James and Chris Bosh agreed to come and Wade committed to stay, giving Miami the Nos. 1, 2 and 3 players on perhaps the greatest free-agency list in NBA history.

Nowitzki's name was on it, too, and he even said he would have listened if James and Wade tried to recruit him. His preference was to remain in Dallas, as long as owner Mark Cuban would do what it takes to give the big German another shot at a ring.

"Ultimately, that's where my heart was at. I almost felt like we had unfinished business after '06," Nowitzki said. "Had a great meeting with Mark there, free agency. All I needed was reassurance that he was going to keep going and keep building around this team, and keep putting all his resources for us to hopefully be up there one day. We're here again at the big stage. Hopefully we can turn it around this year and finish strong."

With reliable role players such as Jason Kidd, Jason Terry and Shawn Marion but no defined second scorer, the Mavericks arrived in the postseason as an afterthought, maybe even a first-round upset loser to Portland. Instead, a stunning sweep of the Lakers in the second round was followed by Nowitzki's spectacular play against Oklahoma City in the Western Conference finals,

making the Mavs the last hope for the Heat haters who wanted Boston or Chicago to humble Miami.

"We are facing a very tough team, a very good team with a bunch of closers and leaders. And so we've got to just go from there and bring our best game," Nowitzki said. "But we as players, we're not really worried about who are the good guys or the bad guys, what the fans want. That's not going to matter to us, anyhow."

Nowitzki believed the Heat were the favorites "on paper" last summer, but things changed by the time they met twice in the first two months of the season. Dallas beat Miami both times—the Mavs have won the last 14 regular-season meetings—as the Heat stumbled to a 9-8 start amid speculation coach Erik Spoelstra could be fired, and criticism that James' and Wade's styles couldn't work together.

The Heat have it all figured out now: James and Wade alternating big shots in the clutch, Bosh grasping his role as the third scorer, key reserves Udonis Haslem and Mike Miller getting healthy at just the right time after nearly season-long injuries.

So the Heat could win, like it or not. And they're aware the more likely answer is not.

Wade was briefly the NBA's brightest star in 2006, when he averaged 34.7 points to lead the Heat back from a 2-0 deficit to beat the Mavs in six games. A second ring could elevate him to a second level—or it could be diminished because he needed James and Bosh to get it.

"Only thing I care about is winning. That's all I care about," Wade said. "Whatever you guys want to decide to put me or talk about me, that's where I'll be. The biggest thing is to be a champion."

Wade said he was "blessed" to win a ring so early in his career, knowing this series is loaded with players who have been chasing one for more than a decade. Kidd reached the finals in consecutive years with the New Jersey Nets and figured he'd get another chance with the Nets or much sooner with the Mavericks. He's finally back—the oldest of seven players on the Dallas roster born in the 1970s.

"You have great teams in this league like the Lakers and the Celtics and San Antonio, who were all winning championships. It didn't work out," he said. "But now we're here. And hopefully we can find a way to win a championship."

James had only once chance and his Cavaliers were quickly swept aside by the Spurs. That was back in 2007, a small-market matchup that drew the lowest TV ratings ever for the finals.

That won't be the case now.

The Heat's free-agency score brought unprecedented attention to the NBA's offseason, a new wave of fans to a sport that needs them with a labor crisis looming when this series is over.

People may not like the Heat, but they can't stop watching.

"It's probably going to get the highest-rated finals, maybe ever. Just because of what they were assembled to do, and then the team that we have, I think it makes for great TV," Terry said.

'Anxious' Nadal in French quarters; Sharapova wins



PARIS (AP)—Decoding Rafael Nadal's self-evaluations can be a tricky proposition.

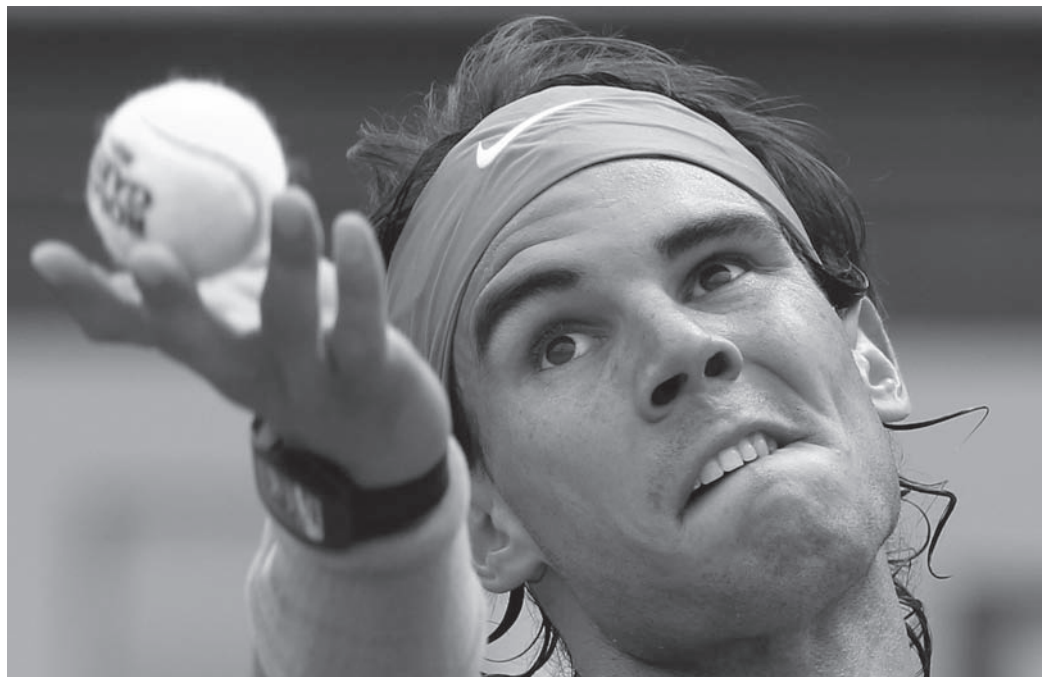
Listen, for example, to the way the top-seeded Nadal spoke about his game and his mindset after handling 37th-ranked Ivan Ljubicic of Croatia 7-5, 6-3, 6-3 Monday to reach the quarterfinals at the French Open, improve his record there to 42-1 and get closer to tying Bjorn Borg's record of six championships in Paris.

Nadal chastised himself for being "too anxious." He said he needs to "hit the ball with a little bit more conviction." Looking at the big picture, Nadal insisted: "The thing is, you have to be (a) realist, and today, I'm not playing well enough to win this tournament."

Maybe he's playing possum. Maybe he's being sincere. Or maybe—as explained by Toni Nadal, Rafael's uncle and coach—this is just the way his nephew is.

"All his life, Rafael never had big, big confidence," Toni said Monday. "He's not a guy who thinks, 'Oh, I am so good.' Never. He tries to improve, he tries to play better, every day."

Toni's nephew has done precisely that at Roland Garros. Since falling behind two-sets-to-one against John Isner in the first round last week, he's won 11 consecutive sets. He made half as many unforced errors as 2006 French Open semifinalist Ljubicic, 48-24. He accumulated 20 break points,



Defending champion Spain's Rafael Nadal serves to Croatia's Ivan Ljubicic, during their fourth round match of the French Open tennis tournament, at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Monday, May 30, 2011.

converting six.

After trailing 4-5, 30-all—"I felt like he felt the pressure," said Ljubicic, who was two points from taking the first set there—Nadal steeled himself and won 30 of the next 32 points on his serve.

"For moments, I am playing well. But for moments, I am still having (a) few mistakes in a row," Nadal said. "That's what cannot happen in (the) next round."

That's because he'll face No. 5 Robin Soderling of Sweden, the only man to defeat Nadal at the French Open—in the fourth round in 2009. It's also a rematch of last year's final, which Nadal won in straight sets.

While Nadal and Soderling

both advanced with relative ease Monday, 34th-ranked Juan Ignacio Chela of Argentina put in a lot of work before edging Alejandro Falla of Colombia 4-6, 6-2, 1-6, 7-6 (5), 6-2 to return to the Roland Garros quarterfinals for the first time since 2004.

Chela will play No. 4 Andy Murray or No. 15 Viktor Troicki, whose match was suspended because of darkness tied at two sets each.

"I wouldn't have believed it," the 31-year-old Chela said, "if you had told me, seven years later, I would still be here."

Maria Sharapova went two years without getting to the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam tournament, but she made it back by erasing deficits in both

sets and beating 12th-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland 7-6 (4), 7-5. The three-time major champion fell behind 4-1 in the first set, then 5-3 in the second, where she had to fend off five set points.

Sharapova finished with far more winners, 47-13, and unforced errors, 44-12. Her quarterfinal opponent will be No. 15 Andrea Petkovic of Germany, who defeated No. 25 Maria Kirilenko 6-2, 2-6, 6-4. Another quarterfinal will have No. 4 Victoria Azarenka of Belarus against No. 6 Li Na of China.

Azarenka reached her fourth career Grand Slam quarterfinal - she's never won one - by beating Ekaterina Makarova of Russia 6-2, 6-3, while Li came

back to beat No. 9 Petra Kvitová of the Czech Republic 2-6, 6-1, 6-3 for China's first French Open quarterfinalist. She became her country's first finalist at any major tournament at the Australian Open in January.

In an on-court interview after he eliminated No. 18 Gilles Simon of France 6-2, 6-3, 7-6 (5), Soderling was told that some people—including, as it happens, Nadal himself—are saying the five-time champion isn't at his best.

That drew a comment of "I hope not," and an accompanying chortle from Soderling.

"No, seriously, he's a great player. I think everybody knows what he can do. He won here so many times," continued the Swede, who lost to Roger Federer in the 2009 French Open final. "Every match is different. It doesn't matter how you got to the quarters, as long as you're there."

Novak Djokovic might say the same about how he got to the semifinals. The No. 2-seeded Serb's quarterfinal opponent, Fabio Fognini of Italy, pulled out of the tournament Monday because he hurt a left leg muscle during his five-set win a day earlier.

That won't count as a victory for Djokovic, so his winning streak stays at 43 matches overall—he's 41-0 in 2011—heading into what could be a semifinal against 16-time Grand Slam champion Federer.

Djokovic wrote on Twitter: "Walkover from Fognini. Bad luck for him, hope he recovers fast. Today I get to enjoy Paris in a different way :-)"

There's plenty of time for sightseeing: Djokovic is off until Friday's semifinals. Nadal was asked how he'd feel about a four-day break.

"Fantastic, no? Tell me: What's the worst part of that?" Nadal replied.

When it was mentioned time off could disrupt Djokovic's rhythm, Nadal scoffed: "With, I don't know, 40-something straight victories, you think he's out of rhythm now?"

Djokovic's streak includes a 4-0 mark this season against Nadal, all in tournament finals, including at clay-court events at Madrid and Rome this month. Many point to that as a reason for Nadal's current concerns, and even Uncle Toni acknowledged: "When you lose four times to one player, it is bad for the confidence."

Djokovic also is 3-0 in 2011 against Federer, who plays No. 9 Gael Monfils of France in the quarterfinals Tuesday.

"People don't talk about Roger a lot, but he's had very easy wins against all his opponents since the beginning of this tournament," said Monfils, who finished off a 6-4, 2-6, 7-5, 1-6, 8-6 victory over No. 7 David Ferrer.

"He's in great shape," Monfils said about Federer, "and he hasn't got anything to prove to anyone."

Nadal probably doesn't, either, but he sounds as if he's trying to prove things to himself.

"Now he has four matches under the belt," Ljubicic said, "and if he managed to win the next one, he's back in business, even confidence-wise."

Halladay gets help to beat Nationals again, 5-4



WASHINGTON (AP)—Roy Halladay beat Washington for the 10th straight time as Ryan Howard and Raul

Ibanez hit homers to power the Philadelphia Phillies past the Nationals 5-4.

Halladay allowed 10 hits and four runs over seven innings, striking out five without a walk.

Howard and Ibanez hit back-to-back homers in the fourth inning and each drove in a run in Philadelphia's seventh-inning rally.

Padres 3, Braves 2

At Atlanta, pinch-hitter Kyle Phillips broke a 2-2 tie in the 10th inning with his first career home run as San Diego beat Atlanta for its third straight win.

Phillips, a rookie with a .167 average in 30 at-bats, led off the inning and hit the second pitch from George Sherrill (1-1).

Astros 12, Cubs 7

At Chicago, Jeff Keppinger and J.R. Towles homered as Houston to beat Chicago.

Clint Barmes and Hunter Pence had back-to-back home runs in the fifth inning to help the Astros ended a three-game losing streak.

Giants 7, Cardinals 3

At St. Louis, Madison Bumgarner won his second straight game after losing his first six decisions as Andres Torres gave the National League's worst offense a big boost with his first career grand slam San Francisco's victory over St. Louis.

Kyle McClellan (6-2) was knocked out after four innings in the worst outing of his first season in the Cardinals' rotation. Albert Pujols hit his ninth homer and Allen Craig

doubled twice with an RBI.

Reds 7, Brewers 3

At Cincinnati, Jay Bruce hit a three-run home run and Travis Wood turned in six mostly solid innings as Cincinnati successfully opened a 10-day, nine-game homestand after a 2-8 trip.

Bruce tripled for the first time this season and finished a double short of the cycle.

Mets 7, Pirates 3

At New York, Josh Thole hit a tiebreaking double in the seventh inning as New York, playing with a make-shift lineup minus Jose Reyes, beat Pittsburgh.

Dillon Gee (5-0) pitched seven solid innings, striking out a career-high eight in the rookie's latest impressive outing, and New York had another productive day at the plate.

Dodgers 7, Rockies 1

At Los Angeles, James Loney had three hits with a homer and three RBIs, and Andre Ethier also drove in three runs as Los Angeles Dodgers defeated Colorado.

Chad Billingsley (4-4) allowed one run and a season-high 11 hits in seven innings, struck out eight and walked two.

Diamondbacks 15, Marlins 4

At Phoenix, Kelly Johnson homered twice and fell a single short of the cycle as first-placed Arizona beat Florida for its seventh straight win.

Johnson, with a double and triple, tied a franchise record with four extra-base hits.

Blue Jays 11, Indians 1

At Toronto, Jo-Jo Reyes won for the first time

in 29 starts by throwing his first career complete game and Jayson Nix hit a two-run home run to lead the Toronto Blue Jays to a rout of the Cleveland Indians.

Reyes (1-4) allowed one run and eight hits, earning a win for the first time in nearly three years. His previous victory came with Atlanta against the Los Angeles Dodgers on June 13, 2008. The left-hander went 0-13 with a 6.59 ERA in his 28 starts between wins.

Yankees 5, Athletics 0

At Oakland, California, Bartolo Colon allowed just four hits for his first shutout in nearly five years and Mark Teixeira homered in the first inning as New York beat Oakland for the eighth straight time.

Robinson Cano added an RBI double in the three-run first inning against Trevor Cahill (6-3) and Derek Jeter recorded his 2,981st career hit and drove in a run for the Yankees, who have won 22 of 26 against Oakland since the start of the 2008 season.

Tigers 6, Twins 5

At Detroit, Alex Avila's double in the eighth inning, that appeared to hit a fan in the stands down the left-field, line scored Jhonny Peralta from first base as Detroit edged Minnesota.

With Peralta on first and two outs, Avila hit a ball down the line that rattled along the short fence as fans reached over for it. Umpires stopped the play after the ball appeared to strike a fan, but they let the run stand instead of sending Peralta back to third. Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire came out to argue and was ejected.

Angels 10, Royals 8

At Kansas City, Missouri, Torii Hunter's sec-

ond home run, a two-run shot off Joakim Soria in the ninth inning, powered Los Angeles to a win over Kansas City.

Hunter, who had a solo home run off Everett Teaford in the seventh, drove in the 1,000th run of his career with the long drive that put the Angels on top 9-8. For Soria (3-3), a two-time All-Star, it was his fifth blown save in 12 opportunities and second in two days.

Mariners 4, Orioles 3

At Seattle, Jack Cust hit the second triple of his career, driving in a first-inning run for Seattle's win over Baltimore.

Doug Fister (3-5) went 7 1-3 innings to pick up his first victory since April 30. He allowed three runs and seven hits, walked one and struck out a career-high nine in his 49th start. He is 3-2 with a 3.02 ERA over his past eight starts.

Rangers 11, Rays 5

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Mike Napoli homered twice and drove in five runs to lead Texas past Tampa Bay.

Napoli homered for the third consecutive day, giving him four in three games. No. 9 hitter Endy Chavez went deep for his second straight game, helping the defending AL champions amass a season-high 20 hits.

White Sox 7, Red Sox 3

At Boston, Alexei Ramirez and Carlos Quentin both had two RBIs in a four-run sixth inning as Chicago snapped Jon Lester's seven-game winning streak.

Paul Konerko added a solo homer for the White Sox, who halted a three-game losing skid and won for the 11th time in their last 13 games against the Red Sox.

Repeat for Castro, Talavera

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Former May Masters champions Alex Castro and Robert Talavera teamed up anew in the 29th CNMI May Masters Tournament and nailed back-to-back wins in the doubles event.

The duo, which won last year's doubles competition after combining for 1,308 pinfalls, bested nine other pairs and collected 1,227 pinfalls in the over the weekend games at

the Saipan Bowling Center to defend their title.

Castro and Talavera, who tallied 600 and 627 pinfalls, respectively, won over the tandem of Tony Verdager and Lito Teodoro (1,203), Raymond Angeles and Rusty Musca (1,161), and Raymond and Ruselle Zapanta (1,148). The winning pair received a trophy and \$260 and redeemed themselves from a dismal showing in the centerpiece event—the May Masters. Castro lost the men's May Masters title he won last year when he placed only 18th in the 12-game roll-

offs, while the 2009 champion Talavera also failed to make it to the Top 10, finishing only at the 16th spot.

Talavera and Castro were two of the only three repeat winners in last weekend's tournament, as the organizing Saipan Bowling Association crowned new champions in the singles, team, and men's all events.

In the singles division, youth bowler Raphael Zapanta stunned the field of veteran kglers when he carded the event's best of 651 pinfalls after three games. He prevailed

over Joe Sto. Domingo (629), Castro (609), Richard Leong (607), Ben Aizon (597), and Percy Omechelang (595). Raymond Angeles reigned in last year's singles event, but finished last in the field with his 472 pinfalls.

In the women's division, Diana Camacho took the crown with her 570 pinfalls. Camacho defeated Gloria Omechelang (528), Tess Favie (517), and 2010 May Masters champion Ron Cal (506). Guam's Cherry Catbagan won last year, but failed to make it to last weekend's tournament.

Camacho notched her second win when she topped the all events anew. She collected 1,608 pinfalls after playing in the singles, doubles, and team event and beat Cal (1,475) and Omechelang (1,428). Camacho ruled last year's all events after tallying 1,640 pinfalls.

Leong claimed the men's all events win when he earned 1,853 pinfalls in singles, doubles, and team categories. He edged Robert Talavera (1,775), Castro (1,758), and Jonathan Eparwa (1,713).

In the men's team event, the quarter of Omechelang, Raul Dumapit, Castro, and Paul Pangelinan combined for 2,261 pinfalls to win by only 17 pinfalls against the foursome of Angeles, Musca,

Leong, and Danny Robles (2,244). Rounding out the Top 3 was the team of the Zapanta brothers and Simon Manacop (2,227). Leong, Danny Robles, Omechelang, and Musca joined forces last year to rule the team event.

In the women's division, Omechelang, Cal, Gina Sablan, and Gigi Zapanta clinched the championship after logging 2,001 pinfalls. Cal, Sablan, and Zapanta also won the team event last year, but their fourth member was Jerrie Vales.

Carrie and Diana Camacho, Carol McKenzie and Lynn Santos finished second with their 1,852 pinfalls, while Elena Soll, Yho Villavicenco, Mel Regis, and Lala Taitano placed third with 1,798 pinfalls.

Builders hold off Konflikt, 63-62

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Builders squeaked past Konflikt, 63-62, as the 2011 QQ Car

Rental Basketball League resumed Monday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Gilbert Miranda scored eight points as Builders constructed an early 19-14 lead in the first 10 minutes of action.

Konflikt hung around in the

second quarter, but still trailed last year's runners-up, 36-33, at the half. Seven Builders players contributed on offense in the period.

The game was close all the way to the end as Builders eked out a slim 51-50 lead with a

quarter to go.

Builders' James Abuy sank two big 3-pointers in the clutch to help his crew hold off their opponents. Abuy led all scorers with 14 points, while Konflikt's Gino Libuw turned in a team-high 11 markers in the loss.

In the second game, the Sonics overcame a two-pos-

session deficit in the first half to rout Rollers-Madness, 94-76, thanks to a 35-point surge in the fourth quarter.

Madness hustled out to a 22-21 edge in the opening period as Manny Matagolai buried two 3-balls to go with six markers from Dominic Reyes.

Matagolai added 11 points in the second quarter to help Madness maintain a slim 44-42 margin at the half. Sonics' Jason Bahillo led his team with 17 points in the first half.

Sonics regrouped defensively after the break and eight sets of hands chipped in on offense as the team managed a 59-58 lead heading into the final canto.

Sonics then erupted with a 35-point push at crunch time and ran away with the game. Points were hard to come by and Madness suffered a blow when defensive point guard Zack Babauta fouled out in the last quarter.

Bahillo nailed seven 3-pointers in the game and finished with 25 points to match Matagolai's tally.

First Game

Builders 63 – Abuy 14, Bernardo 11, Miranda 10, Abuel 8, Demapan 8, David 6, Yabut 4, Cruz 2.

Konflikt 62 – Libuw 11, Gabaldon 10, Esdreton 8, Arreza 8, Mangali 7, Joyner 6, Mendoza 6, Tamayo 6.

Scoring by quarters: 19-14, 36-33, 51-50, 63-62.

Second Game

Sonics 94 – Bahillo 25, Lizama 15, Santos 14, Galarse 8, Eclevia 8, Pagarao 8, Apelo 6, Jung 4, Chan 4, Camacho 2.

Rollers-Madness 76 – Matagolai 25, Hambros 16, De Vero 15, Reyes 10, Ulloa 8, Rasa 2.

Scoring by quarters: 21-22, 42-44, 59-58, 94-76.

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Johnson

Mavericks because they have an all-around experienced team. Heat are young and will put up a good fight, but in the end, it is the Dallas Mavericks' experience and overall fundamentals that will win the championship series. Besides, Jason Kidd deserves a championship ring.

Quincy Johnson
former CNMI Nationals member

The championship series will be a great match up be-

tween Dirk Nowitzki and LeBron James. Heat in five or six and LeBron wins the MVP trophy. Heat have a better matchups than the Mavericks.



Barnes

Kurt Barnes
CNMI Hall of Famer



Yabut

Kidd, Dirk Nowitzki, Shawn Marion...etc. Also one big factor is

that the Heat will be having hard time down at the post with Tyson Chandler, as he is athletic and agile. Then who can defend Dirk Nowitzki? LBJ? I don't think so... Bosh? No way. Lastly, height is a major asset of the Mavs.

Rex Yabut
Ferrera Builders player

My vote is Heat because of their defense. Defense wins championships.



Aguon

Rufino Aguon
former CNMI Nationals coach

Mavericks because they beat my Lakers. I think the Mavs have

a deeper bench and their playing with confidence. Mavs are also a better rounded team and with Dirk's heroics, it will be a good series, not great. Can't match the Celtics and Lakers rivalry.



Rangamar

Elias Rangamar
BANMI vice president



White

Mavs in 7. No one can stop Dirk.

Michael White
NMASA president

LADY

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Jinky Marie Kintaro, Tara Ramon, Nicole Reyes, Jovinnette Sablan, Jennie Scaliem, Jove Jenn Taman, Coquina Teregeyo, and Bella Terlaje made up the team. James Lizama and Paul Miura served as coaches.

SSHS built an early 3-1 lead after the opening frame.

KHS managed a run off an er-

ror in the top half, but the Lady Rays answered with three runs off four hits and a walk in the bottom frame.

Arriola and Gatamngin came home off a double by Ramon, who was singled in next by Amandus.

The Lady Ayuyus left a runner at third in the second and SSHS pulled ahead, 8-1 in the bottom frame. The Lady Rays scored five runs off three errors, two fielder's choices, and a pair

of walks.

KHS went 1-2-3 to start the third and the Lady Rays shot ahead, 14-1, in the bottom frame. The six-run string started off a two-out triple by Scaliem.

Gatamngin scored her off an RBI fielder's choice and Teregeyo followed with a two-run homer. The other three runs came off a pair of hits, an error, and another fielder's choice.

KHS managed two runs in the fourth off an error and a

Knight and SSHS.

However, MCS was limited to just 16 points in the final weekend of competition to finish in the rear with 60 points overall. SSHS and MHS tallied 48 points apiece.

SSHS won the opening 1,500m preliminary with a time of 7:45.37, over 30 seconds ahead of MHS (8:16.62); MCS came in third with a mark of 8:33.33.

MHS answered and edged

SSHS in the 500m sprint preliminary with a time of 2:34.95. SSHS finished a close second (2:36.11) with MCS settling for third (3:10.83).

SSHS also won the 1,500m finals, crossing the finish line at 8:02.73, while MHS came in second with a mark of 8:36.30. MCS did not compete.

With the title out of reach, MHS still dug out the 500m sprint final with a time of

single by Suanne Camacho and added two more in the fifth from an error and a single by Nicole Sablan to postpone the run-rule, but was stuffed 1-2-3 in its final stand.

SSHS loaded the bases in the bottom of the frame and was gifted the game-winning run via a base on balls.

Winning pitcher Teregeyo allowed an earned run off four hits and just two walks with five strikeouts.

2:30.32, just ahead of SSHS (2:32.64), with MCS coming in third at 3:06.20.

Outrigger scorekeeper Ann Jordan was present at the finals and expressed her appreciation to fellow organizers, participants, coaches, and supporters.

"I would like to send out a special thank you to all of the organizers, without whom none of this would have been possible...thanks to all," she said.

TSUNAMI

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teammate Lukas Kang (1:22.29), Tsunami Guam's Jimi Hedrix (1:32.18), SSC's Lenosuke Suzuki (1:32.97), Tsunami Guam's Kane Aricayos (1:33.81), and SSC's Taiga Sato (1:42.24).

In the U8 50m breaststroke, Kang was the first to reset the CNMI age group mark when he completed the race in 46.80 seconds. However, at the end of the day, it was Ryuto Yanai's 46.53 seconds that will be entered in the CNMI record books as the new age group holder. Before the Guam meet, Kang held the CNMI age group mark in the 50m breaststroke with his 47.57 seconds logged only on May 21, 2011 during a short meet at the Marpi pool.

Yanai and Kang had a 1-2 finish in the 50m breaststroke race in Guam, besting four other swimmers. Aricayos placed third, as he submitted 52.86 seconds and was followed by Hendrix (54.18 seconds), Suzuki (56.23 seconds), and Sato (1:02.72).

Completing Tsunami

Saipan's record swim in Guam was Ryosei Toda, who shattered the CNMI mark in the boys 9 to 10 200m breaststroke event.

The 10-year-old Toda timed in at 3:17.90 to eclipse the four-year mark of teammate Kensuke Kimura by about four seconds. Kimura's previous mark made on March 3, 2007 was 3:23.31.

Besides having a record-time in the 200m breaststroke race, Toda also topped the event, prevailing against much older swimmers. He won over teammate and 12-year-old Takumi Sugie and Tarakito Swim Club's Diego Shimizu, who posted 3:17.92 and 3:19.87, respectively. Sugie may have lost to Toda in a neck-and-neck race, but his 3:17.92 was about four seconds better than his previous personal best time of 3:21.49.

Sugie, Toda, Kang, and Yanai were among the more than 10 Tsunami Saipan swimmers who went to Guam for the two-day tournament. The complete results of races Tsunami Saipan swimmers participated in will be published in *Saipan Tribune's* Wednesday issue.

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Ducusin, Evana Emul, Jomalyn Gelacio, Geralyn Libunao, Lora Norita, Aiyisha and Kayla Roberto, and Miso Sablan. Leilani DLG Nielsen coached the team.

MHS actually came in dead last in the finale, which was worth double the points, behind Mount Carmel School Lady

Belau Slow-Pitch Softball League Finals

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TKK 2's Julian Camacho waits for a pitch during the top of the sixth inning of their title game against the Tigers in the 2011 Belau Amateur Softball Association Slow-Pitch League last Sunday at the Dandan Elementary School Ballfield.



Tigers pitcher Jesus Iguel catches a throw.



TKK 2's Mike Sablan delivers a pitch during the bottom of the fifth inning.



TKK 2's Phil Celis at bat at the top of the third inning.



A Tigers outfielder catches a fly ball.



A TKK 2 outfielder throws to third.



TKK 2 third baseman Toi Celis throws to first base.



The Tigers' Derrick Aughenbaugh gets ready to swing.



A Tigers' batter waits for a pitch.



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steps down as
Ohio State
football coach**

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Sharapova wins**



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3 Tsunami swimmers shatter records



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Tsunami Saipan's Lukas Kang, seen here competing in a local race, reset the CNMI age group mark in the boys U8 50m breaststroke event after finishing second to eventual record holder and teammate Ryuto Yanai in the 2011 Guam Championships at the Hagatna Pool last weekend.

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As promised, Tsunami Saipan Swimming Center bets had record swims in last weekend's 2011 Guam Championships at the Hagatna Pool.

Delivering new CNMI age group marks for Tsunami Saipan were Ryuto Yanai, Lukas Kang, and Ryosei Toda.

Yanai timed in at 1:17.64 in the 100m freestyle race in the boys U8 age group competition in Guam, crushing his own record of 1:17.86 made on April 15, 2011



during the Tsunami Saipan All Island Invitational 3 at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

Seven-year-old Yanai competed against six other swimmers in the 100m freestyle race and posted the best time in the group. He beat PSC's Noel Keane (1:19.99),

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Saipan fans weigh in on NBA Finals

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It will be a rematch of the 2006 NBA Finals when Dwyane Wade almost single-handedly won the Larry O'Brien trophy for the Miami Heat.

The Dallas Mavericks are out for revenge following that painful loss, which saw them open up the series with a 2-0 lead and a sizeable advantage in the fourth quarter of Game 3, only to be upended by Wade and company in six games.

Wade and Udonis Haslem are the only holdovers from the 2006 champion team, while for the Mavs, only 7'0" Euro-hybrid Dirk Nowitzki and Jason "The Jet" Terry remain from the 2006 team.

Since then, Miami and Dallas have been on a rollercoaster ride with the former not getting past the first round of the playoffs the past four years and the latter enduring mediocre postseason play despite registering superb regular seasons.

This year, the Mavs led by Nowitzki and a more veteran supporting cast that include Terry, Jason Kidd, Shawn Marion, and Tyson Chandler, won the

Western Conference after subduing a stubborn Portland team, sweeping the Lakers, and defeating the upstart Thunder.

Miami, meanwhile, super-sized its lineup by signing top free agents LeBron James and Chris Bosh to go alongside Wade.

And after a rough-and-tumble 82 games, the Superfriends advanced to the finals after dispatching the 76ers, Celtics, and Bulls.

Here in the CNMI, basketball fans are expecting an exciting finals. Below are their predictions on how the 2011 NBA Finals will turn out.



Coldeen

*Heat win in 6:
Two reasons 1)
LeBron 2) Wade.
And two more reasons:
Miami is*

the only team with two Gators 1) Udonis Haslem and 2) Mike Miller. 2 + 2 = 4 which is how many games Miami will win.

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Lady Rays win fast-pitch softball championship

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The Saipan Southern High School run-ruled Kagman High School, 15-5, to win the girls fast-pitch softball championship of the Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization last Saturday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

The Lady Rays, who finished the season undefeated, were presented with the perpetual MISO team trophy after the game.

Corina Aldan, Cathy Amandus, Julie Arriola, Jatanna Cabrera, Marlana Castro, Keanah DLGuerrero, Gee Gatamngin,

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The Saipan Southern High School Manta Rays pose with their championship trophy after beating Kagman High School in the MISO girls fast-pitch softball finals last Saturday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

...also top outrigger competition

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The Saipan Southern High School Lady Manta Rays won the Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization girls outrigger championship last Saturday at Kilili Beach.

The SSHS girls received a

championship trophy with their team name engraved on the front after matching the Lady Dolphins of Marianas High School point-for-point in the finals to secure a 101-92 margin.

The Lady Rays are made up of Sarahlyn Borja, Bless

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The Saipan Southern High School's Lady Rays paddle toward the finish line of the 1,500m final race in the MISO outrigger canoe competition last Saturday at Kilili Beach.